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Pellet-gun shooting spree second such incident, locals say

Some people in Wellington Village say Tuesday morning's incident isn't the first time they've had to run for cover Fear has kept them from calling police, they say

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▶ A business owner shows off pellets that were fired at her store last week.

Pellets were fired at local businesses and a man was hit in the back days before a tactical team stormed a West End apartment building early Tuesday morning and arrested two alleged shooters. Some people say they were afraid to call police.

Police arrested two men in their 30s for allegedly shooting a 70-year-old man and an Ottawa Fire Services truck with a pellet gun from a sixth-floor apartment in the Wellington Towers complex near Wellington Street West and Holland Avenue.

Officers are investigating if the two accused also triggered the false alarm that brought fire crews to the building shortly before 3 a.m. on Tuesday. That's when the 70-year-old man and the fire truck were shot at. Firefighters then called police.

Emery Signs employee Chris Leal says he was shot on Thursday while he was putting up a sign on a business across the road, he said.

"I got hit in the back," he said. "It hurt. I still have a scab."

He didn't know what had happened at first, but then found pellets on the ground. Leal spoke with police Tuesday morning after hearing someone else had been shot and the two men had been arrested.

"I don't know who they are," said Leal, adding he believes the shooter had been aiming for him. "They were definitely gunning for me."

Phong Co, who owns The Dry Cleaning Co. located across the street from Wellington Towers, said he heard shots being fired at his business on and off for about an hour-and-a-half on Thursday.

He went out to see what was going on and just as he turned to go back inside, there was another shot.

He hid near his window and looked up at the apartment building, identifying a unit on the sixth floor with a window cracked open. When he later pointed it out to the owner of a nearby store, he saw a "scruffy looking" man wearing army-style pants. After the man saw him pointing, the shooting stopped for the day, he said.

Police have charged Shane Gould and Robert Nigro, both 36, with a series of weapons offences. Both are to appear in court today.

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Online surveillance bill comes under fire

The tabling of federal legislation that would give police and spies easier access to information about Internet users reignited a pitched debate Tuesday about whether the measures are unduly invasive.

Justice Minister Rob Nicholson said the legislation was an attempt to bring the law into the 21st century, rejecting NDP warnings the bill threatens to turn Canada into a surveillance society.

The bill the Tories call the Protecting Children from Internet Predators Act would allow authorities access to Internet subscriber information — including name, address, telephone number and email address — without first getting a court's go-ahead.

Currently, it is voluntary for Internet service providers to hand such data to police.

The legislation would also require telecommunication service providers to have the technical capability to allow authorities to intercept messages and conversations.

The proposed measures pit the desire of law-enforcement officials to have ready access to information about people online against the individual's right to privacy.

Nicholson said the proposed changes will give police and security services the tools they need to deal with sophisticated cybercriminals while respecting privacy rights.

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Sweet. Furniture

▶ Augustin Julich-Trojan, 19, poses next to his chocolate armoire, which won the most prizes at the 22nd annual Algonquin College Edible Architecture Contest on Tuesday.

JOE LOFARO/METRO

Candy builder tastes success

Julich-Trojan's candy model won top prize for best furniture, most realistic model, as well as the people's-choice award. He netted three $50 gift cards to The Keg and planned to use some of them on a date with his girlfriend for Valentine's Day. His armoire was made of Lindor dark chocolate, Starburst candies and melted Jolly Ranchers.

Police say they want to hear of all gun incidents

Business owners who reported incident to apartment management but not to police say they feared shooters would retaliate

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Even though someone shot pellets onto Wellington Avenue West for about 90 minutes last week and at least one person was hit, it seems no one called police.

The owners of a business across the street from the Wellington Towers building said they heard shots fired at their store from the apartments last Thursday and someone was shot outside the store. They didn't call police, but told the apartment management company.

They asked not to be identified in Metro's story.

Wellington Towers Property manager Eileen Lefaivre first told Metro she had heard nothing about the shots being fired until the police arrived, but later said she did speak with business owners about the shots fired last week.

"I said I'd look into it," she said.

Lefaivre said she did not call police, "because it was hearsay."

She added, "It's not something I've seen with my own eyes. They didn't see it with their own eyes either. They're assuming."

Police spokesperson Const. Henri Lanctôt said officers urge citizens to call if they believe someone has shot a gun in the city, even if they don't know exactly what happened.

"Anytime there's a firearm, whether it's a BB gun, an air gun, a pellet gun, we're very concerned about that," he said.

Phong Co owns the drycleaners across the road from the apartment. He said he was also concerned by pellet shots, but didn't call police because he was afraid the shooter had identified him and may have a more serious gun.

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‘Cupid’ fails to mend relationship between Sally Ann and union

Man in Cupid costume tries to give Salvation Army spokesman ‘new heart’ at committee meeting

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A labour activist dressed in a red Cupid jumpsuit and more than 100 other people marched into the Heritage Building at city hall on Tuesday evening banging drums and chanting in support of Salvation Army workers who entered their 40th day on strike.

The goal of the protest was for “Cupid” Brian Edgecombe to deliver a plush valentine to Michael Maidment, Salvation Army spokesperson, who was in the Champlain Room for a poverty issues advisory committee meeting. Maidment had been chair of the committee until last night, when members elected a new chair and vice-chair.

The Public Service Alliance of Canada local 73100, which represents the 60 striking workers, alleged in a statement that Maidment wouldn’t let them make a presentation to the committee.

Rick O’Connor, city clerk and solicitor for the City of Ottawa, said his office did receive a request from the union, but it was sent on short notice. O’Connor said staff asked PSAC to clarify what they would talk about to see if it met the advisory committee’s guidelines for the next meeting in March.

O’Connor said the union didn’t call back. “Therefore, it wouldn’t, in my mind, have even gone to the (committee) chair,” he said.

Clarification was needed, he added, because it seemed inappropriate to discuss a labour-relations matter at the meeting.

JOE LOFARO/METRO

▶ PSAC members and supporters protest at the Heritage Building at city hall on Tuesday while the Salvation Army’s spokesperson attends a poverty issues advisory committee meeting.

GCTC artistic director to leave after fall season

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Lise Ann Johnson, artistic director of Ottawa’s Great Canadian Theatre Company, is stepping down in the fall after seven seasons with the troupe.

“Looking through the cycle of planning that the company is going though, it seemed like the right moment for the company to bring somebody in next season,” Johnson said.

“It just seemed like the right time for somebody with new energy, new ideas, to come on with a four-year vision for the company.”

Johnson is the second-longest-serving artistic director in the company’s 35-year history and was credited by her staff with pioneering one of the company’s most important transitions when it moved to the new Irving Greenberg Theatre Centre in 2007.

The company had previously been working out of a converted truck-repair garage on Gladstone Avenue.

After she leaves, Johnson said she’ll spend more time with her two sons and look for freelance directing opportunities in Ottawa.

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▶ Lise Ann Johnson

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▶ Megan Oates poses with copies of her book about her successful battle with cancer.

Woman uses pen to take on cancer

Author say patients can relate to book Portion of proceeds will go to research at Ottawa Hospital

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When she was being treated for thyroid cancer as a teen, Megan Oates didn't want to attend groups at the hospital to "talk it out" with adults, but didn't know where else to turn.

So now that she's cancer-free, she's written a book to give other young cancer patients something to relate to.

"When I was diagnosed, I was 17," she said. "I just wanted to be able to know that I wasn't the only one, but there was no one to relate to, because there was no one my age."

The book, entitled Would you like your cancer?, will be available at bookstores and at the patient resources library of the Ottawa Hospital soon.

"Any cancer patients will have access to the book and my contact information if they want to contact me talk about it. I want to be able to help people, which is why I wrote the book in the first place," she said.

The book begins with Oates graduating from high school right before her diagnosis.

"For about a year, my life was all downhill and I basically bare everything in the book," she said. "I had cancer, my boyfriend was cheating on me, I wasn't able to go to college. I was jealous of all of my friends because they were going on in their lives and I was stuck at a standstill with cancer."

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If you are like a lot of people you might have a few old coins or even a coffee can full lying around. If you have ever wondered what they are worth now might be your chance to find out and even sell them if you choose. They could be worth a lot according to the International Coin Collectors also known as ICC. Collectors will pay a fortune for some coins and currency for their collections. If it is rare enough, one coin could be worth over $100,000 according to Eric Helms, coin collector and ICC member. One ultra rare dime, an 1894S Barber, sold for a record $1.9 million to a collector in July of 2007. While that is an extreme example, many rare and valuable coins are stashed away in dresser drawers or lock boxes around the country. The ICC and its collector members have organized a traveling event in search of all types of coins and currency. Even common coins can be worth a significant amount due to the high price of silver and gold, says Helms. Washington quarters and Roosevelt dimes can be worth many times their face value. Recent silver markets have driven the price up on common coins made of silver. Helms explains that all U.S. half dollars, quarters and dimes made before 1970 contain 90% silver and are sought after any time silver prices rise. Right now it's a sellers market he said.

The rarest coins these collectors are looking for include $20, $10, $5 and $2 1/2 gold coins and any coin made before 1850. These coins always bring big premiums according to the ICC. Silver dollars are also very sought after nowadays.

Other types of items the ICC will be purchasing during this event include U.S. currency, gold bullion, investment gold, silver bars, silver rounds, proof sets, etc. Even foreign coins are sought after and will be purchased.

Also at this event anyone can sell their gold jewellery, dental gold or anything made of gold on the spot. Gold is currently trading at record high prices. Bring anything you think might be gold and the collectors will examine, test and price it for free. If you decide to sell, you will be paid on the spot – it has been an unknown fact that coin dealers have always paid more for jewellery and scrap gold than other jewelers and pawn brokers.

So whether you have one coin you think might be valuable or a large collection you recently inherited, you can talk to these collectors for free. If your're lucky you may have a rarity worth thousands. Either way there is nothing to lose and it sounds like fun!

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Crown asks for 18-month sentence for Stanley Cup rioter

The Crown says a young man who admitted to participating in the Stanley Cup riot should be sentenced to as much as 18 months in jail, arguing that all the rioters are guilty of robbing the residents of Vancouver of their sense of serenity.

Ryan Dickinson, 20, is the first person to plead guilty in the riot and will be the first sentenced for joining in on the mayhem that followed Game 7 of the Stanley Cup final last June.

Rioters spent hours torching cars, smashing windows and looting stores, causing millions of dollars in damage.

In an agreed statement of fact read in court Tuesday, Dickinson admitted to trashing an unmarked police vehicle in downtown Vancouver and tossing a mannequin and a newspaper box at a clothing-store window.

"What is common to all is that the riot has stripped a sense of safety and security from the city of Vancouver," said Crown lawyer Patti Tomasson.

"In the Crown's submission, the riot was akin to a home invasion of the whole community."

For Dickinson, who has a criminal record for assault, Tomasson recommended a sentence of between 15 and 18 months for the riot charge.

In addition, she asked for an additional one to three months for breaching bail conditions related to the unrelated assault charge.

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Former attorneys general light up national pot debate

Calls to legalize marijuana grow as political heavyweights join debate

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Four former B.C. attorneys general have joined the crusade for the legalization of marijuana.

Colin Gabelmann, Ujjal Dosanjh, Graeme Bowbrick and Geoff Plant all signed onto the Stop the Violence B.C. coalition Tuesday and sent a letter to both Premier Christy Clark and NDP Opposition Leader Adrian Dix endorsing legalizing, regulating and taxing marijuana.

Doing so will curb gang violence and crime, raise tax revenue and ease the load of the court system, they say.

"We should be prosecuting murderers and gangsters, not young people for small amounts of possession," Dosanjh said. "It's not a smart way to deal with crime, and there's a significant consensus that is evolving in this country and in the U.S."

The four ex-AGs join four Vancouver mayors who have already joined Stop the Violence B.C.

Dosanjh thinks continuing the criminalization of marijuana just encourages gangsters to profit off the drug trade and costs taxpayers dearly.

Health organizations, public-policy organizations and think-tanks — some often at odds with each other — have called for legalizations, along with many law-enforcement associations.

Whether the growing pressure will pay off remains a big question, especially with the Conservative government currently in power. But Dosanjh argues that's exactly why proponents need to speak up.

"It's in political circumstances like that it's important to participate in the debate," he said. "Canada has the opportunity to be a leader on this."

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▶ Ujjal Dosanjh speaks with reporters outside an Elections Canada office in South Vancouver in November 2008.

PM's pension rhetoric influenced by public: Report

New surveys for the government suggest Prime Minister Stephen Harper was tapping into deep anxieties among Canadians when he announced an overhaul to Canada's retirement system.

A few months before Harper told the world in Davos, Switzerland, that Canada's retirement benefits would not be sustainable without major changes, the public was already telling him it was losing faith in Ottawa's ability to deal with an aging population.

Polling and focus-group testing for the Privy Council Office point to an overriding concern about aging and about whether the federal government's policies were sufficient.

"Across the country, participants touched on a series of concerns that revolve around the aging of Canada's population, and the government's ability to address the challenges associated with this reality," says the report by Walker Consulting Group, based on public-opinion research done last August.

In open-ended questions, many respondents told the pollsters that the government needed to pay special attention to pension sustainability and the ability of future generations to support growing numbers of retirees.

In responses from across the county, participants said repeatedly they were concerned about the ability of the health-care system to handle the growing burden of an aging population.

A month later, Harper used his podium at an exclusive economics gathering in Davos to announce that he, too, was concerned about taxpayers' ability to finance retirement benefits in the coming decades and was preparing to make changes. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ Stephen Harper

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News in brief

Israel blames Iran for botched Bangkok blasts

BANGKOK. Israel accused Iran of waging a covert terror campaign after a bungled series of explosions led to the capture of two Iranian nationals in Bangkok.

An Iranian man carrying grenades blew off his own legs and wounded four civilians Tuesday after an earlier blast shook his house in Bangkok.

On Monday, an Israeli diplomat's wife and driver were wounded in New Delhi when a bomb stuck to their minivan exploded, and another device was defused on an Israeli Embassy car in Tbilisi, Georgia.

Israel's Channel 10 TV quoted unidentified Thai authorities as saying the captured Iranians confessed to targeting Israeli interests.

The site of the blast is just a few miles from the Israeli Embassy.

In Israel, security was heightened at public places, foreign embassies and offices, as well as at Ben-Gurion International Airport.

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Lawyers not done with Knox

ROME. Italian prosecutors asked the country's highest criminal court Tuesday to reinstate the murder convictions of American Amanda Knox and her former boyfriend in the slaying of British student Meredith Kercher, 21.

Four months ago, an appeals court threw out the convictions against Knox, 24, and Raffaele Sollecito, 27.

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Obama's welcome mat

- Handshakes and warm words at White House for China's man to watch
- Xi Jinping vows to 'deepen the friendship' between the superpowers

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▶ Friendship flourishes in the Oval Office as Xi Jinping and Barack Obama shake hands.

The political winds blew hot and cold around the White House on Tuesday.

Inside, U.S. President Barack Obama and China's heir-apparent leader, Vice-President Xi Jinping, exchanged handshakes and warm words.

"We welcome China's peaceful rise," Obama said as the two men sat in the Oval Office.

"We believe that a strong and prosperous China is one that can help to bring stability and prosperity to the region and to the world."

But outside, a few hundred protesters marched, waving Tibetan flags and calling for a free Tibet.

They held signs proclaiming: "Xi Jinping: Tibet will be free."

They shouted, "Shame on Chinese government" and "Stop lying to the world."

The U.S., too, reiterated its longstanding concerns over human rights, which Obama described as a "critical issue."

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This man Xi

- Xi's visit is being closely watched because he will likely lead China over the coming decade. After becoming party leader, he is expected to replace Hu Jintao as president in 2013.
- Xi has impeccable Communist Party credentials, but is viewed as more able to make personal connections than Hu, and more willing to step away from the traditional aloofness of Chinese high office.

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Syrian official chastises Canada over sanctions

- Diplomat denies regime is responsible for civilian deaths
- Harper calling for President Bashar Assad to step down

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▶ Bashar Akbik

Syria's top diplomat in Canada is striking back at Ottawa for what he says are "deplorable" sanctions imposed by the Harper government that he insists are harming innocent civilians in his country.

Bashar Akbik, Syria's charge d'affairs, levelled that accusation in an interview with The Canadian Press during which he steadfastly denied that the regime of President Bashar Assad is responsible for the killing of thousands of innocent civilians in a bloody 11-month crackdown on dissent.

Akbik blamed terrorists and criminals for the violence in his country. He said a Western-led "conspiracy" — with Saudi Arabia's collusion — is trying to overthrow his government and that conspiracy is responsible for the carnage that the United Nations says has left more than 5,400 dead.

"Hollywood"-style videos on the Internet that have fabricated scenes of government forces killing innocent civilians are part and parcel of the international plot, he said.

Akbik's denial came within hours of United Nations human-rights chief Navi Pillay's telling the General Assembly that Assad's regime has likely committed crimes against humanity.

"Canada is helping to worsen the life of the Syrian citizens, and the sanctions will bring no result," Akbik said.

"This is really deplorable, the Canadian stand towards the current events in Syria," he added. "Since the first days of the insurgency in Syria, the Canadian government took a belligerent position against the Syrian regime."

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Activists say Syrian people facing 'brutal shelling'

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▶ Civilians flee from fighting after Syrian tanks enter the northwestern city of Idlib on Tuesday.

Syrian government forces renewed their assault on the rebellious city of Homs on Tuesday in what activists described as the heaviest shelling in days, as the UN human rights-chief raised fears of civil war.

Troops loyal to President Bashar Assad have been shelling Homs for more than a week to retake parts of the city captured by rebel forces. Hundreds are believed to have been killed since last Saturday, and the humanitarian conditions in the city have been worsening.

Homs was under "brutal shelling" on Tuesday, the Local Coordination Committees activist group said, citing its network of witnesses on the ground.

Another activist group, the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, said it was the heaviest shelling in days.

With diplomatic efforts bogged down, the conflict in Syria is taking on the dimensions of a civil war, with army defectors clashing almost daily with soldiers.

UN human-rights chief Navi Pillay warned on Monday that the Security Council's failure to take action has emboldened the Syrian government to launch an all-out assault.

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Romney's not our man: Doggie set

Republican presidential candidate's story about how he treated his Irish setter has alienated pooch lovers

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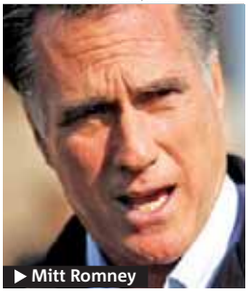

▶ Mitt Romney

A protest outside the Westminster dog show aimed at Republican presidential frontrunner Mitt Romney drew about a dozen demonstrators Tuesday, plus a few pooches.

The half-hour lunchtime demonstration in front of Madison Square Garden took issue with Romney's oft-told story of travelling with his Irish setter, Seamus, on a family vacation in 1983. Romney has said he put the dog inside a crate and strapped it to the roof rack for a 12-hour drive from Boston to Canada.

Protest spokeswoman Kitty Hendrix said the Dogs Against Romney website that organized the demonstration has about 25,000 members. The protesters held signs that said "Mitt is Mean" and "Dogs Aren't Luggage" and "I Ride Inside."

The Westminster Kennel Club event is the most prestigious dog show in America and draws 2,000 entries. Hendrix said her group didn't want to interrupt Westminster.

"We're just using this as a backdrop," she said.

A few curious passersby stopped to talk to the protesters, but none of the champion dogs walked by.

"Dogs don't vote!" hollered one man in a hurry.

Al Alvarez held a sign in one hand and the leash to Petey the bull terrier in the other. "I think Romney's attitude toward dogs was indicative of his attitude toward the most vulnerable in our society," he said.

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Serious. Snowfall

▶ Nicolae Cocioaba, 58, raises his hand while holding his hat to show the height of the snow along a road in the village of Silistea Glodeanu, Romania, on Tuesday.

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Snow blankets Romania

More snowstorms resulted in snow as deep as 15 feet in isolated areas of Romania, Moldova and Albania on Tuesday. Helicopters and army trucks were used to deliver food and medicine, and to transport sick people to hospitals.

Rome out of Olympic hunt

Rome dropped its bid for the 2020 Olympics on Tuesday after Premier Mario Monti said the Italian government would not provide financial backing for the multibillion-dollar project at a time of economic crisis.

Monti announced after a cabinet meeting that it would be an irresponsible use of taxpayer money to fund the Olympics with a guarantee that the government would cover any deficit.

"We arrived at this unanimous conclusion that the government didn't feel it was responsible to assume such a guarantee in Italy's current condition," Monti said. "At this time we don't think it would be fitting to commit Italy to this type of guarantee, which could put at risk taxpayers' money."

The costs for hosting the Olympics in Rome had been estimated at $12.5 billion.

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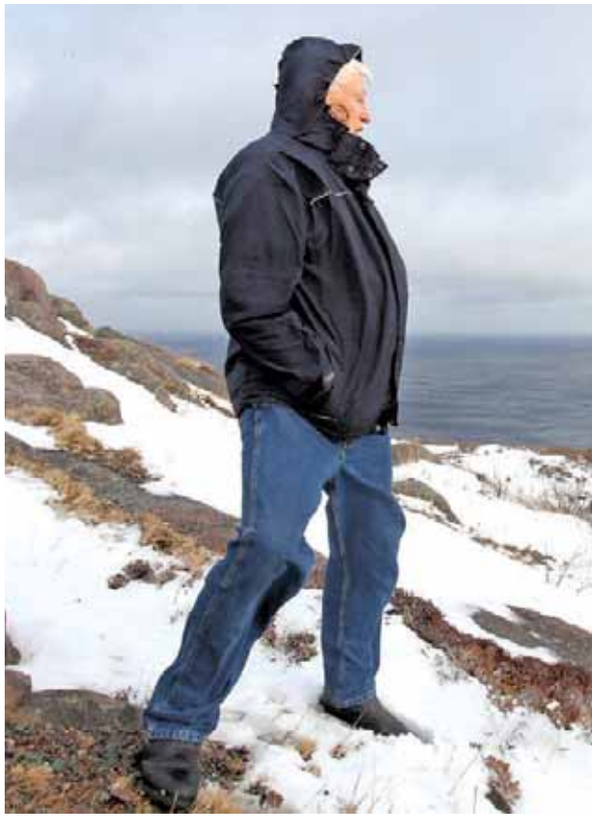
Remembering the flight he never took

30 years ago yesterday, Ray Hawco gave up his seat on a chopper bound for the Ocean Ranger drilling rig A day later, the entire 84-man crew was gone



Ray Hawco was in line on Feb. 14, 1982, to board what turned out to be the last chopper headed for the doomed Ocean Ranger drilling rig off Newfoundland.

Seventeen passengers waited for 16 seats that day, he said on the eve of today's 30th anniversary of Canada's worst offshore oil disaster.

The loss of the entire 84-man crew in a fierce overnight storm sent Newfoundland into a state of shock and grief that was felt across Canada, the southern U.S. and as far away as England.

Husbands, fathers and sons never came home.

At the airport on the morning before the Ocean Ranger went down, Hawco said the foreman of a three-man welding team was eager to get to the massive rig about 300 kilometres east of St. John's.

"He was quite insistent that if all three of them couldn't go, then none of them were going to go."

In what he thought was a kind gesture, Hawco gave up his seat for the welders and planned to take a later flight.

"It was the last trip out," said the former public-relations director for the provincial petroleum directorate.

"The contingency plan never anticipated that there would be such a thing as a total loss of everybody onboard."

RAY HAWCO

That twist of fate "was a source of torment" that Hawco still thinks about, he said.

He wondered that night what it was like on the rig as a ferocious blizzard with hurricane-force winds whipped up waves the size of five-storey buildings.

Of the 84 crew who died, 69 were Canadians including 56 Newfoundlanders. Other victims hailed from Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas and England.

At about 5 a.m. that day, Hawco got a call from his boss. He was soon at the petroleum directorate in St. John's to co-ordinate a grim response.

"We knew the rig was gone," he said. Hope for survivors soon faded as people struggled to comprehend that the Ocean Ranger, hyped as a marvel of modern engineering, had failed.

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▶ Ray Hawco stands on Signal Hill overlooking the Atlantic Ocean in St. John's last Friday.

How did it go wrong?

A royal commission report would later blame a chain of events that sunk the Ocean Ranger. A rush of sea water through a glass portlight at about 7:45 that night soaked an electrical panel, shorting out controls for ballast gauges and pumps.

When power was restored hours later, damaged switches opened the wrong ballast valves, affecting balance. Poorly trained workers didn't help a swiftly deteriorating situation as the rig suddenly began to tilt.

A call for help was issued just after 1 a.m. on Feb. 15, 1982. The last communication from the Ocean Ranger at 1:30 a.m. said crew were going to lifeboat stations.

There were no survival suits on the rig — regulations didn't require them — and access to lifeboats was inadequate, the report found. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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▶ Trudeau

Trudeau asked to clarify separatist remark

Rival federalist parties have pounced on Liberal MP Justin Trudeau's suggestion that there are conditions under which he might support Quebec's separation from Canada.

Conservative MP Merv Tweed is calling on Trudeau to clarify his remarks or recant.

Trudeau triggered the controversy in a weekend radio interview, in which he said he might want Quebec to separate if he felt Canadians really shared the values espoused by Prime Minister Stephen Harper's Conservatives.

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Cornwall hopes for a visit

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▶ Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall

The city of Cornwall is hoping for a visit from the duchess who shares its name. City council approved an invitation Monday night to the Prince of Wales and Duchess of Cornwall when they visit Canada in May. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Premier shows support for mandatory minimum sentences

Tweet comes after judge ruled 3-year sentence for first-time illegal gun possession is cruel and unusual

Jane Creba

- The premier's chief of staff also pointed to a letter he wrote to all federal party leaders in 2005, days after a teenage girl was killed in a Boxing Day shootout on a busy street in Toronto filled with shoppers.
- "Only severe penalties can clearly convey the gravity of gun-related crimes and our society's intolerance for them," McGuinty wrote on Dec. 29, 2005.
- He called for Parliament to amend the Criminal Code to ban handguns and increase mandatory minimum sentences for all gun crimes, including a four-year minimum sentence for illegal possession of a handgun.

Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty is reaffirming his support for mandatory minimum sentences in the wake of a court decision striking one down as unconstitutional.

An Ontario Superior Court judge ruled Monday that sending a first-time offender to prison for three years for illegally possessing a loaded gun is "cruel and unusual punishment."

Judge Anne Molloy wrote in her decision that reasonable people support reducing violent crime, but there is no "tangible evidence" that mandatory minimums accomplish that.

The ruling comes at a time when the federal Conservative government is pushing ahead with its controversial tough-on-crime agenda, including new mandatory minimums for drug and child sex crimes.

The office of the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General has not yet said if it will appeal the decision.

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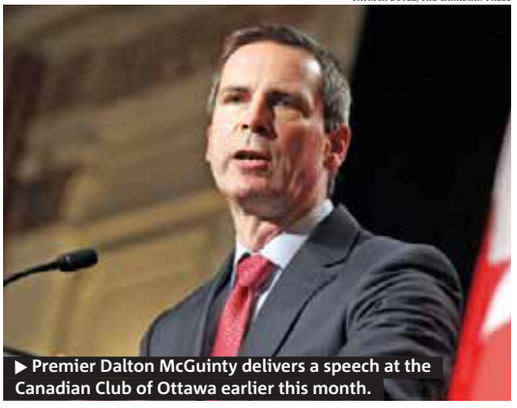

▶ Premier Dalton McGuinty delivers a speech at the Canadian Club of Ottawa earlier this month.

In a tweet Tuesday, McGuinty writes that Ontario supports mandatory minimums for gun crimes, and notes the province is backing mandatory sentences in another case at the appeal level.

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Greece delays on demands, postponing bailout meeting

EU countries, analysts skeptical indebted country will pull through

Two steps forward, one step back. So goes the frenzied effort across Europe to bail out Greece and save it from a potentially devastating default on its debts.

A meeting of the finance chiefs of the 17 euro countries to discuss Greece's second bailout planned for Wednesday was called off Tuesday evening after Athens failed to deliver in time on several demands made by its partners in the currency union.

The last-minute cancellation shows the eurozone wants much tougher guarantees now from Athens before giving it an extra 130 billion euros in rescue loans, on top of 110 billion euros granted in 2010, raising fears that the deal may fall apart.

The meeting was expected to give the green light for a bond-swap deal with private creditors designed to slice some 100 billion euros off Greece's debt. The deal, which will take weeks to implement, must be finalized by March 20, when Greece faces a 14.5-billion-euro bond redemption.

While the Parliament faced down violent protests on the weekend to approve a new austerity package, the cabinet spent hours Tuesday discussing how to save an extra 325 million euros demanded by the eurozone. Much of the past two years has been spent working to avoid a default in Greece, but the measures around a second bailout have made it difficult it to see how the country can restore growth.

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▶ A worker cleans red and black paint off of the Bank of Greece's sign after Sunday's riots in Athens.

CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

'Business as usual' for Air Canada

Travellers flying Air Canada can keep booking their flights as negotiations continue with a new federally appointed mediator to help resolve an ongoing contract dispute between the airline and its pilots.

"It is business as usual," the Montreal carrier's spokesman Peter Fitzpatrick said in an email Tuesday. "Customers can continue to make their travel plans and book in confidence.

Talks are continuing and "we are confident that a disruption will be avoided," Fitzpatrick said.

Results of a pilot vote on a strike mandate were expected to be released later Tuesday and the company is already in a legal position to impose new contract terms or lock out the workers.

The measures give either side 72 hours to serve notice of its intention to impose a work stoppage.

Both sides have said they will not use those options while talks continue.

The federal government put pressure on both sides to avoid any disruptions in air travel, saying a strike or lockout would harm the economy during a fragile recovery. THE CANADIAN PRESS

European Union urges China to join in efforts

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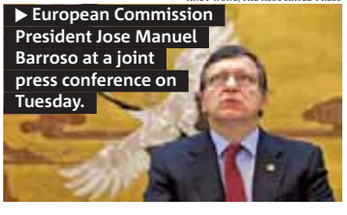

▶ European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso at a joint press conference on Tuesday.

European Union leaders urged China on Tuesday to open its markets, join in persuading Iran to negotiate over its nuclear program and help end bloodshed in Syria during a summit delayed by Europe's debt crisis.

Leaders of the two sides pledged to boost trade and to start negotiations on an investment treaty. But at a news conference, EU officials and Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao expressed differences on issues from trade to human rights.

Europe is China's biggest trading partner but European companies and business groups complain Beijing is trying to limit access to promising industries in violation of its free-trade pledges.

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Anonymous strikes again

A U.S. security company whose tear gas has been used against Egyptian demonstrators has become the latest victim of the Anonymous movement, hackers claimed Tuesday. An Internet statement said the hackers broke into Combined Systems Inc.'s website and stole personal information belonging to clients and employees of the Pennsylvania-based firm. They accused the company of being run by war profiteers.

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▶ A Boeing 787 Dreamliner upon arrival in Singapore last Saturday.

Boeing seals largest order

Boeing has locked in its biggest order ever with a little-known airline halfway around the world.

The Chicago airplane manufacturer said Tuesday that it has finalized an order from Indonesian carrier Lion Air for 230 planes — worth a combined $22.4 billion US. The deal is the largest commercial airplane order ever for Boeing Co. by both dollar value and number of airplanes. Lion Air also has the rights to buy 150 more. The order includes 201 of Boeing's redesigned 737 and 29 extended range 737-900s.

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Market moment

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WEDDING BELLS KEEP THE BEAT

JUST SAYIN' ...

MIKE BENHAIM
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February may be miserable for some of us, but for those crazy Valentines planning their June wedding it's a glorious time.

In my 20 years as a DJ, I have worked more weddings than Kim Kardashian will ever have, and I'm shocked at how many lose sight of the most important ingredient: The music!

How many of you have seen the reality show Musical Weddings? No? That's because there isn't one. And yet there are countless shows about dresses and shoes and chocolate fountains. The industry will have you believe that these things are critical, when we all know that at the very heart of it all is the music. No one will even see your shoes.

On the night of the northeast blackout in 2003, I was doing a wedding. The bridal party was dressed and ready, but there was no electricity. The venue had a generator, which would provide four hours of music if we used nothing else. No flashing lights. No video. No uncle Saul belting out his karaoke rendition of My Way. Just a welcome speech, some drinking and everyone dancing until just past midnight ... on a Thursday.

"Some of the best weddings I've ever attended involved tight-knit groups of friends celebrating memories together ..."

I used to get calls from brides who had paid $2,000 for a dress and $750 for a cake but expected to spend $500 on a DJ because that's how much their cousins paid ... in 1983.

A wedding reception is meant to be a moment of celebration between loved ones. It's not an opportunity to hog the spotlight in front of a captive audience.

If your DJ is energetic, knows his music and observes the crowd, he'll have her aunt Myrna from Flin Flon doing the Cha Cha Slide with his uncle Surjeet from Bombay before the night is done.

Can your cake do that?

No one wants to hear lengthy speeches about your days at summer camp, or watch a 15-minute slide show of your relationship set to the music of Celine Dion.

They want to party, and if you don't think there's a difference between a good DJ and a guy who's there because he knows how to press "play," then you might as well stock the bar with Shirley Temples and virgin daiquiris.

Magazines and wedding planners will tell you that food and decor (and wedding planners) are the most important elements of your affair, but then so will the guy that carves the fruit into animal shapes.

Some of the best weddings I've ever attended involved tight-knit groups of friends celebrating memories together, dancing to '90s music without so much as a glance at the ice sculptures or gold-painted human statues.

Yes, ladies, it is your night, but it's meant to be enjoyed with your loved ones, so feed them, keep them lubricated and hire a DJ or band that rocks. You may actually create a memory that you and your friends will want to relive when that video you paid so much for, is done.

Just sayin'.

More from Mike Benhaim at metronews.ca/backbeat

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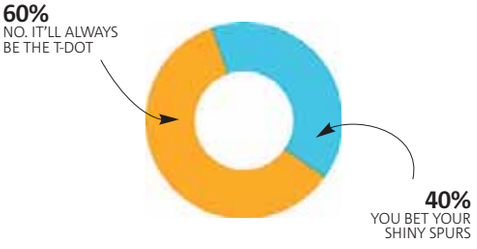
Is the West the new centre of the (Canadian) universe?



Local tweets

- **@HanoufKh:** .... I think I'm escaping from whatever I'm going through by sleeping.
- **@SamPaulxox:** Had about 400 customers in 5 hours today, 350 of them were last minute valentines. Happy Valentine's day! :)
- **@chrisaaronwoods:** Take me to the moon.
- **@paigeekendell:** Just slept since I've been home. #bestfeeling
- **@DanielaIzabelle:** Worst valentines day ever
- **@TassikCormal:** He may not be here with me this year, but I got to see my dragon this part week, so the day's been okay :3
- **@LOvelyLizard:** So my mom is butthurt that my dad didn't get her anything for valentines day. -_____- my poor Oldy.

Daily Zoom

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Surfing the rocks

Rock only seen by chosen few

ARIZONA. British photographer Simon Byrne is on the crest of a wave of success after becoming one of the lucky few to learn the secret location of this stunning sandstone formation. The 31-year-old needed a special permit before he was given "rough guidelines" to find The Wave in a remote spot in Arizona. MWN

60 seconds

What were your first thoughts after you found The Wave?
Spectacular. One minute you're hiking across the desert, and suddenly you're there. I was amazed how perfectly formed and preserved this sandstone phenomenon is. Every inch you move changes the whole dynamic of the scene, meaning you can explore The Wave for hours.

You're among the lucky few to actually find The Wave. Why so?
Guidelines to find this were only provided to those lucky to get a permit in a lottery.

What do you love about this photograph?
How all the lines connect together. They seem to run around the whole structure and don't seem to have a beginning or an end. It's almost like a sea reaching a tideline. MWN

The Wave

- **Location.** Somewhere in the 112,500-acre Paria Canyon-Vermilion Cliffs Wilderness, near the Arizona/Utah border.
- **Jurassic Rock.** 190-million-year-old sand dunes that turned to stone.
- **Best time to photograph The Wave?** Around midday when no shadows are cast in centre.

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Dancing with the Devil

Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance is the latest film to pit Hollywood heroes against Satan

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▶ In Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance, Johnny Blaze is called out of hiding to stop the devil, who is trying to take human form.

IN FOCUS

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In this weekend's Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance, Johnny Blaze, played by Nicolas Cage, joins a long line of movie characters in the ultimate fight — battling Satan! Everyone from Jack Black to Viggo Mortensen to Santa Claus has been hell bent on battling Old Scratch on the big screen.

In Tenacious D in The Pick of Destiny, Jack Black and Kyle Glass play heavy metal musicians who must play a musical battle with Lucifer.

"The demon code prevents me from declining the rock off challenge," says Old Scratch before they engage in a metal showdown. If they win, they'll be superstars and the keepers of the magic pick made of Satan's tooth. Lose and Kyle gets a new roommate — the prince of darkness.

The Devil in Prince of Darkness takes a slightly different form than Pick of Destiny's traditional ruby-skinned imp. In this John Carpenter chiller the Devil is an alien life form trapped in an alternate world. Meanwhile, his son lives on our planet, boiled down into a vat of sinister-looking green liquid.

E-critic.com hated the movie, suggesting the advertising tagline for the movie should be: It's NEW and IMPROVED LIQUID SATAN!!!, but it has some good thrills, a moody synthesize score, a cameo by Alice Cooper and a great performance by Donald Pleasance as a priest who does battle with the Devil.

One critic called The Prophecy "Paradise Lost reimagined as a droll B horror picture."

Christopher Walken plays an angel trying to wage war against God. You might imagine that would put him in league with the Devil, but you'd be wrong. "Your war is arrogance," says Mephistopheles, who looks a lot like Viggo Mortensen, "That makes it evil. That's mine."

The movie spawned four sequels, but the original remains the best, if only to watch Mortensen deliver lines like, "While heaven may be closed I am always open, even on Christmas."

And speaking of Christmas, one of the strangest cinematic demonic battles happens in the Mexican fantasy film Santa Claus. Described as "Ho Ho Horrible!" by one critic, it's cut-rate and cheesy but has a certain kitschy charm.

Sometimes referred to as Santa Claus Conquers the Devil, this weird movie sees St Nick shoot the Devil with toy arrows. Though marketed to kids, the Mystery Science Theater 3000 folks summed it up best when they said the movie is "good old-fashioned nightmare fuel."

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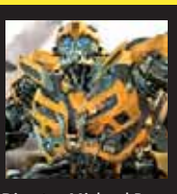
Scene in brief



Director Michael Bay plans a fresh take on shape-shifting robots with the fourth installment in his Transformers franchise. Paramount Pictures announced Monday night that Bay will return to direct the next chapter in the blockbuster sci-fi series, due in theatres June 29, 2014.
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Uggie from The Artist named top dog at inaugural Golden Collar Awards honouring canine actors

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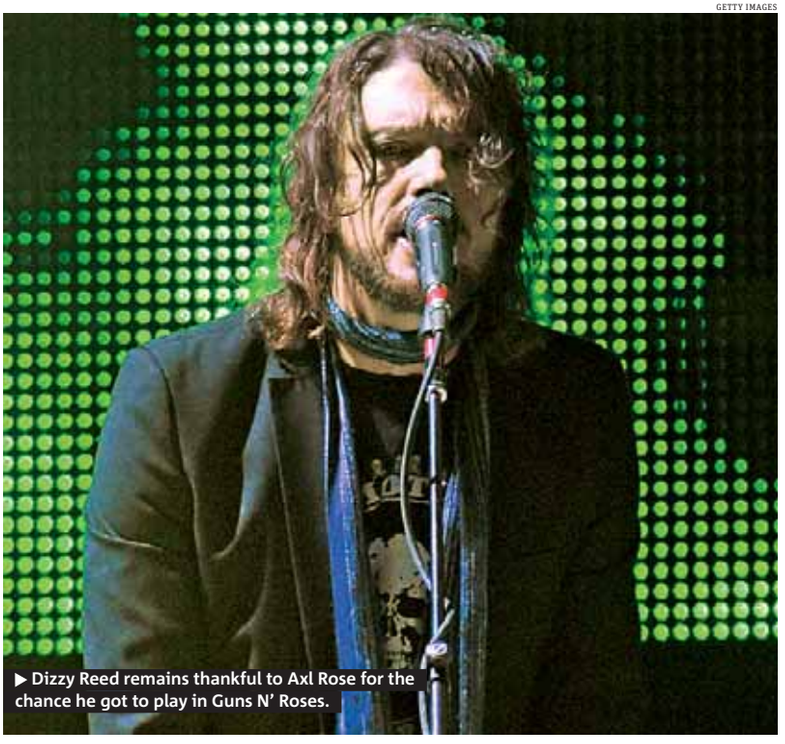

▶ Dizzy Reed remains thankful to Axl Rose for the chance he got to play in Guns N' Roses.

The last man still standing

Dizzy Reed of Guns N' Roses shows a little patience
Talks about members who have left and a reunion

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The only person who has been in Guns N' Roses longer than keyboard player Dizzy Reed is Axl Rose. Reed joined the band in the early '90s. Although he wasn't in the picture for the band's club days, Guns N' Roses is returning to these roots this week, with a series of club shows to coincide with Fashion Week. These intimate Fashion Week gigs have become a bit of a tradition for GnR, one which Reed says he finds a little baffling.

Why Fashion Week?

I don't really know the answer to that question, but I ask myself that question sometimes. It's a cool thing to be a part of it, but from my perspective it's a bit of a quintessential New York experience. And rock 'n' roll and fashion have always sort of been intertwined.

"I think coming into the band as I did, I just had a different perspective on it. I was pretty grateful to be called up."
DIZZY REED

You're also returning to the Ritz, which although it's now called Webster Hall, is where Guns N' Roses performed a classic show that ran on MTV for a long time.

I think that was one of the moments out here (in Los Angeles) where we all sort of realized that Guns were gonna blow up.

You talk of people coming and going. How have you stayed in the band so long?

I think coming into the band as I did, I just had a different perspective on it. I was pretty grateful to be called up to be a part of what was such a huge thing at the time, and if I ever start drifting off into any sort of place where maybe I want to do a little more for myself I just try to remind myself that I'm pretty darn lucky.

Axl gets a bad rap for the ways he has led this band, but you've worked with him for so long.

He's a great, great man. He's done a lot for me and my family and for so many other people. And people don't know that about him. And you know what? He's always got some great jokes, man.

Do you know what's going to happen with GnR's induction into the Hall in April? There are rumors of a reunion of the original lineup.

I haven't gotten any details. I spoke with the people of that institution. They gave me a call and told me to mark it on the calendar, to be there.

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▶ Radiohead will be one of the headline acts at Bonnaroo.

Bonnaroo lineup finally finalized

Beach Boys, Radiohead, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Phish and Bon Iver will headline the 2012 Bonnaroo

The reunited Beach Boys will celebrate sunshine and summer at the 2012 Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival with Radiohead, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Phish and Bon Iver.

The always eclectic four-day festival also will include Skrillex, Foster the People, The Avett Brothers, The Shins, The Roots and Alice Cooper on the 700-acre farm in Manchester, Tenn. Bonnaroo will be held June 7-10.

The lineup has something of a ripped-from-the-headlines feel.

Several acts had notable nights at the Grammy Awards.

The reunited Beach Boys lineup of Brian Wilson, Mike Love, Al Jardine, Bruce Johnston and David Marks made their live debut at the awards, joined on stage by Foster the People.

Bon Iver won best new artist, Skrillex took home three trophies and two-time Grammy winners The Civil Wars are scheduled to play just a few weeks before singer Joy Williams' baby is due.

The Chili Peppers will play Bonnaroo as new Rock and Roll Hall of Fame members.

About half of the lineup was announced Tuesday and additions will be made later. Bonnaroo will feature about 125 music acts and 30 comedians. Tickets go on sale Saturday.

Other acts include comedian Aziz Ansari, Feist, Dispatch, the reunited Ben Folds Five and Dawes.

There's a little bit of something for everybody.

Skrillex will be leading a wave of electronic dance music acts and exotic DJs — like SBTRKT, Flying Lotus and Major Lazer.

Acoustic music fans can look forward to the Punch Brothers, Trampled by Turtles, Laura Marling, The Devil Makes Three and Sarah Jarosz. There will be a heavy dose of roots rockers, too, including Delta Spirit, the Alabama Shakes, Gary Clark Jr. and The Word featuring John Medeski, Robert Randolph and North Mississippi Allstars.

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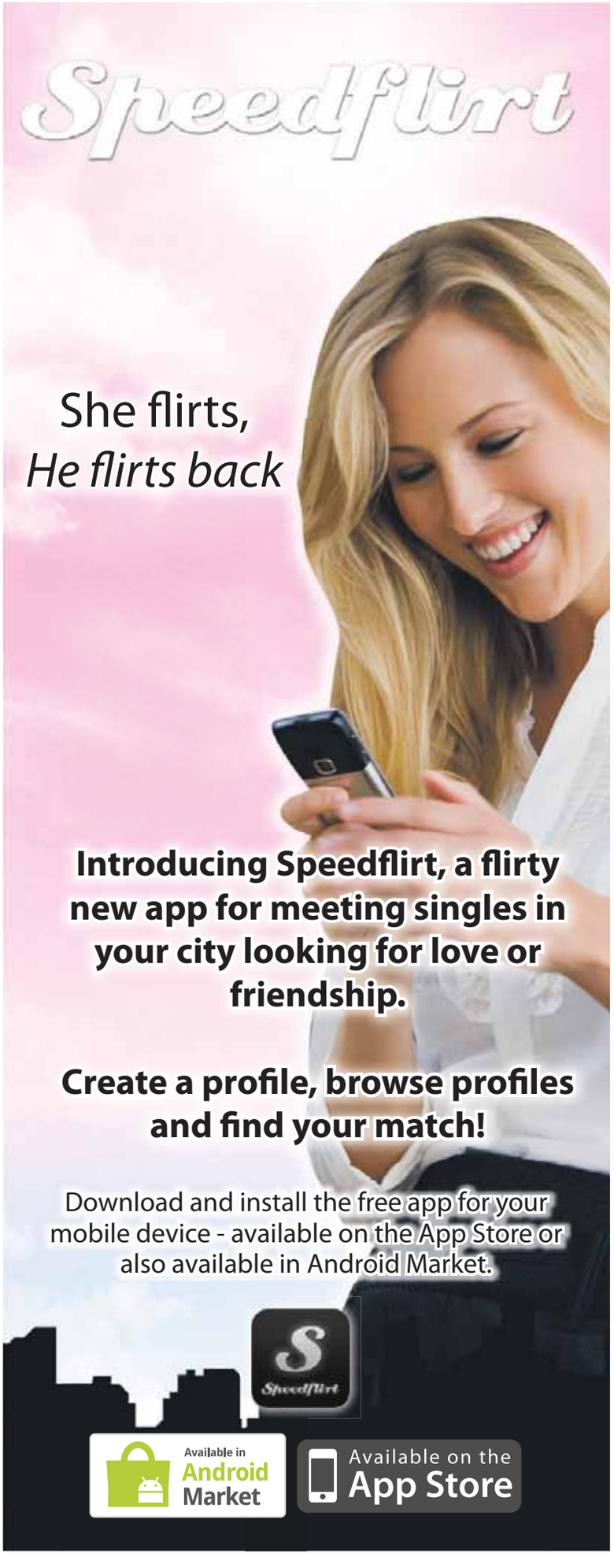
Hip hop

A year after rap dominated the 10th anniversary of Bonnaroo with Eminem, Lil Wayne, Wiz Kalifa, Big Boi and others headlining, it remains a large part of the Bonnaroo lineup.

- **Rappers** Ludacris, Black Star, Mac Miller, Childish Gambino, Yelawolf, Danny Brown, Das Racist and others are on the schedule.
- **Soul** Neo soul fans can turn to Charles Bradley and his Extraordinaires, Darondo, Little Dragon and The Soul Rebels.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Nicki Minaj versus the Catholic Church

Star performs self-exorcism at Grammys What's not to love about that?

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THE WORD

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By aiming to prove to the world that she's not just Lil' Kim reincarnated, Nicki Minaj tried to make her mark on Sunday night's Grammy Awards by performing an over-the-top — and highly panned — rendition of her single Roman Holiday.

The performance featured a self-exorcism, dancing monks and nuns, burning flames and Minaj speaking in tongues. Basically, the whole production made The Phantom of the Opera look like high art.

▶ Nicki Minaj

And now Catholics are (rightfully) angry, with the Catholic League releasing a scathing statement by president Bill Donohue, who places the blame on both Minaj and the Recording Academy, the organization that hands out the Grammys, for letting such an "offensive" performance air.

"Whether Minaj is possessed is surely an open question, but what is not in doubt is the irresponsibility of the Recording Academy," he wrote. "Never would they allow an artist to insult Judaism or Islam."

This whole thing is so silly. But I'll tell you what is incredible, dear reader: We're still talking about the usually dull Grammy Awards a full three days after it aired. That has to be some kind of record.

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▶ Whitney Houston

Houston's remains returned to Newark

Whitney Houston's body has returned to Newark, N.J., where a funeral is expected to be held for the late pop star some time this week, according to TMZ.

Her remains were reportedly flown from Los Angeles to Newark late Monday night aboard Tyler Perry's private jet.

"Tyler Perry rushed to the L.A. hospital Saturday as soon as he heard about Whitney's death and immediately offered up his private plane to the family," a source tells the Web site. METRO

Talking points

Lohan can't catch a break

SELLING LILO'S LIFE. Lindsay Lohan's run of bad luck apparently extends to her selection of a moving company, as the folks hired to haul her possessions away from her recently vacated Venice Beach home are reportedly now selling photos of Lohan's belongings, according to Hollyscoop.

Worse than that, the company is also said to be looking to sell information about where the actress plans to move and what storage facility she is currently using for her stuff. METRO

Shakira has a close call

WHEN ANIMALS ATTACK Shakira had a rather close encounter with nature while on vacation.

"I was attacked by a sea lion!" the Colombian pop star writes on her Facebook page. "This afternoon I happened to see some sea lions and seals. I thought to myself how cute they were so I decided to get a bit closer than all of the other tourists and went down to a rock trying to pet them and doing baby talk. Suddenly, one of them jumped out of the water so fast and impetuously that it got about one foot away from me, looked me in the eye, roared in fury and tried to bite me."

After the incident, the singer surmised that the sea lion had mistook her BlackBerry for a fish. METRO

Aniston not keen on kids

AT PEACE WITH HER LIFE Despite all the outside focus on her romantic fortunes, Jennifer Aniston says she isn't interested in attaining the picture-perfect life.

"I think that's sort of cliché, isn't it? Like, if you want to be happy, you should have the house, the husband, the kids," Aniston tells GQ magazine. "Kids are messy!"

As for what might happen family-wise with boyfriend Justin Theroux?

"I still kind of go with. If it happens, it happens," she says. "I'm calm and peaceful with whatever the plan is. It's not something where I'm going, 'I gotta have a kid!'" METRO

Celebrity tweets

"Hmm, I wonder if Lady Gaga ever got out of that net. #grammysleftovers"
@iamwandasykes

"If the Greeks shortened their names wouldn't they save a lot of money?"
@AlbertBrooks

"Watched a bit of Real Housewives of Beverly Hills. Don't know how science gave that many platypuses the power of speech."
@SethMacFarlane

"This Means War is based on something that happened to me."
@mindykaling

Get a taste for Halifax

Nova Scotia's capital is known for fishing, the Bluenose and Alexander Keith's brewery
But the city is also carving a name for itself as a destination for foodies

With the Atlantic ocean lapping at its front door, it's no secret a trip to Halifax pairs nicely with a side of fish and chips. But adventurous gourmets may be surprised to learn the seaside capital also offers up a smorgasbord of dining options that local foodies say rivals big city competitors.

"When you think of Halifax, seafood — no question — comes to mind as a leading commodity," says Patricia Lyall, executive director of Destination Halifax, the city's tourism marketing organization.

But with some 500 bistros, pubs, fine dining rooms, supper clubs, diners and international eateries in the sprawling municipality, Lyall says there are plenty of opportunities to push the boundaries of your palate.

"You can very easily plan to dine out seven days a week and not replicate the experience."

That doesn't get much easier than in February when the Restaurant Association of Nova Scotia hosts the annual Savour Food and Wine Festival.

The event was launched nine years ago to promote the province's restaurant industry during what's widely considered a slow season in the business.

The month-long pageant of dinner, drinks and desserts includes four events: a chocolate, wine and cheese showcase (it was held at the beginning of the month); a rare and fine wine tasting (Feb. 17, sold out); and Dine Around, an offering of three-course, prix-fixe menus at participating restaurants (all month). The highlight of the festival is the Savour Food and Wine Show on Feb. 23 — a one-night-only epicurean extravaganza hosted by some of Nova Scotia's most inspired chefs. Tickets for the popular event are typically sold out a week in advance.

"I think Nova Scotians have been educated; there's a lot more travel and people want to have a better quality product," says Joe McGuinness, festival chairman and co-owner of Durty Nelly's, an Irish pub located on Argyle Street. "We're now a cosmopolitan city offering a wide variety of local and ethnic cuisine."

But while variety may be the spice of life, local restaurateurs say the city's affection for local products is key to its culinary appeal.

Downtown, a couple of blocks away from bustling Spring Garden Road, is Morris East. The small but stylish restaurant serves up gourmet, thin-crust pizzas and boasts what it says is the city's only real wood-fired oven. The oven came from Naples; its chef hails from Halifax.

"A lot of people are very concerned about where their food is coming from," says Lauren Marshall, who has whipped up a vegetarian dish for the Savour show that features handmade pasta, local veggies and Nova Scotia cheese.

Tucked away in the north end is Chez Tess Creperie, offering sweet and savoury crepes served with Annapolis Valley cider. On historic Barrington Street sits Chives Canadian Bistro, known for its eclectic menu that favours local food producers.

And, of course, there's no shortage of seafood — with a twist. Spots like Fid Resto on Dresden Row serve up seared Atlantic salmon with pickled plums and poutine made with fresh Nova Scotia lobster.

Lyall says it's only in recent years that Destination Halifax began considering dining out as more than a basic travel need, but as a tourism draw.

She admits being initially surprised by the diversity and expertise the city has to offer. Now, Lyall believes Halifax can "punch above its weight" and compete with any cosmopolitan city.

McGuinness agrees.

"The old perception of it being a sleepy fishing village, that's long gone."

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▶ Lauren Marshall is the head chef at Morris East, the only restaurant in Halifax with a real wood-fired oven.

If you go...

- Tickets for the Savour Food and Wine show cost $79 plus tax. For detailed information on the festival, visit savourfoodandwine.com.
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- morriseast.com
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- fidresto.ca

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Travel in brief

A large-scale art installation comprising 200 tents set up on the grounds of Fort York National Historic Site in Toronto is being planned to help mark the bicentennial of the War of 1812. The Encampment, commissioned by the City of Toronto and the Luminato arts festival, will be staged each evening from June 8 to 24, serving as "a massive collective expression of art and history," say promoters.

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▶ The Council of Fashion Designers of America have put together their own 'impact' statements for the exhibit.

In New York fashion

Exhibit looks back at 50 years of fashion design in North America

Paris has its scarves and skinny suits, Milan has its luxe leather and London its swinging miniskirts, but ask American designers what they've added to fashion and the collective answer is democracy, from wrap dresses worn by working women in the 1970s to a dress worn by the first lady.

The Council of Fashion Designers of America, in honour of its 50th anniversary this year, asked its membership, which includes president Diane von Furstenberg, Marc Jacobs, Sean Combs and Michael Kors, to craft their own "impact statements" and choose outfits and photos they feel best represent their signature styles for a new exhibit opening Saturday at the Museum at FIT in Manhattan.

There are 80 outfits on display in the show, called Impact: 50 Years of the CFDA, but the works of 450 designers are represented in a multimedia display and a companion book.

"There is something magical about the way this group was founded back in 1962, in a small room off of Seventh Avenue.

"It was the brain trust of 20 passionate designers who were motivated to create a safe haven for the members of their community.

"They sought to protect and promote their own," von Furstenberg writes in the book.

Von Furstenberg lent to the museum one of her original wrap dresses from the 1970s, a symbol of the working-women's movement, while Oscar de la Renta, a former CFDA president, offered up a gown, accented in neon, from his current spring collection. (De la Renta always says his newest designs are his most important.)

A surprise came from Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen in talking about their contribution, said Patricia Mears, museum deputy director and curator.

They didn't note their celebrity or even the accolades earned by their collection The Row, instead saying they were most proud of a commitment to manufacturing in the United States.

"Impact in America is interpreted a lot of ways. It has a lot of diversity. It could be making things affordable, it could be quality like haute couture," said Mears.

She added, "Someone like Marc (Jacobs) is such a huge, influential entity but he followed the American path. When he did his groundbreaking grunge collection, it got him fired, but he says that's what set him free and served as a launching pad for something new."

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If you go...

The Museum at FIT: Seventh Avenue at 27th Street, New York City; http://fitnyc.edu/334.asp or 212-217-4558. Open Tuesday-Friday, noon-8 p.m, Sundays 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free admission. Impact: 50 Years of the CFDA runs Feb. 10 - April 17.

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Fill a glass with ice and pour in the vodka and pomegranate juice. Top the mix with the lemon beverage. Garnish with a lemon slice and serve.

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Gobble, gobble two delicious ways

Add some Mediterranean sunshine to your table with this refreshing turkey scaloppine

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Turkey Scaloppine with Fresh Tomato & Herb Salsa

▶ This recipe serves four.

This meal takes its inspiration from the Mediterranean with the use of olives and feta cheese.

The fresh taste of tomatoes and herbs adds colour and texture to this tender and easy weeknight meal.

Preparation:

1. Fresh Tomato and Herb Salsa: In a bowl, combine tomatoes, olives, green onion, oil, salt, pepper, basil, mint and feta. Set aside.
2. Coat turkey in flour, shaking off any excess. Sprinkle with salt and pepper.
3. In a large non-stick skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Cook turkey in two batches about 4 minutes per side, until crisp and golden and no longer pink inside. Keep in warm oven while cooking second batch of turkey.
4. Divide turkey among 4 plates and top with fresh salsa.

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Ingredients:

Fresh Tomato and Herb Salsa

- 500 ml (2 cups) chopped fresh tomatoes
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) pitted kalamata olives, halved
- 1 green onion, sliced
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) olive oil
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) each sea salt and fresh cracked pepper
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) chopped fresh basil
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) chopped fresh mint
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) crumbled feta
- 4 turkey scaloppine cutlets (about 500 g/1 lb in total)
- 30 ml (1 tbsp) all purpose flour
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) each sea salt and fresh cracked pepper
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) olive oil

Turkey & Swiss Avocado BLT is a great idea for a simple lunch option

If you're seeking a casual lunch idea, sandwiches are the way to go. They can be made with basically anything — from veggies and cheese to deli meats, leftover meats, eggs and more. Just use your imagination.

This Turkey & Swiss BLT has an added avocado twist, offering a creamy texture that goes well with the swiss cheese.

Serve the tasty sandwich with a few kettle chips, fries or a garden salad for a casual lunch. Don't forget the pickle on the side!

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Turkey & Swiss Avocado BLT

▶ This recipe serves two.

Preparation:

1. Spread the mayonnaise on all slices of grain bread.
2. On two slices of bread, place lettuce, tomato, bacon, avocado, turkey and top with cheese.
3. Top the sandwiches with remaining 2 slices of bread. Cut each in half and serve with your choice of side.

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Ingredients:

- 3 tbsp (45 mL) light mayonnaise
- 4 slices 7 or 12 grain Bread
- 2 green leaf or Romaine lettuce
- 1 tomato, sliced
- 4 sliced cooked turkey bacon
- Half an avocado, peeled, pitted and sliced
- 4 oz (125 g) sliced roast turkey breast
- 6 slices Swiss cheese

Do your work to get the work

The call came in and they want to meet you! Best to add these crucial items to your 'ace the interview' to-do list

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Remember that you are interviewing the company to see if it's the right fit for you just as they are interviewing you.

Congratulations! You landed a job interview at your dream company.

A lot of hard work has gone into determining the right companies to apply to, network with, write fantastic cover letters and submit applications to.

Now it's time to prove you are even better in person. Here we offer up five tried-and-true tips to prepare for the interview.

1 Get organized Write down the date, time and location of your interview in your smart phone or date book right away.

Tip: Ask the recruiter for key information like the name of your interviewer and the interview style to help you prepare in the below steps.

2 Research the company Check out their mission statement, values/competences, services or products, case studies, awards, blog and executives. Be confident that you can summarize why you want to work at the company and why you are a great fit with this company,

Tip: Print off any key information you've found and highlight it or take notes. Don't be afraid to take this prep package with you to the interview in a folder so they see you are prepared. Also write down any questions you have to ask to determine if the company is the right fit for you and you are the right fit for them.

3 Get the real story via social media Check out their Facebook page to see photos, comments and general company news. This can be a great place to see company social event photos. See if they have a twitter account so you can check out what your future colleagues are tweeting about.

Tip: Seeing the inside scoop from current employees helps you understand your future colleagues and the real experience working at Company X.

4 Research your interviewers If you have the interviewer names, check them out on LinkedIn. See how long they have been with the company, positions they have held.

Tip: You can use this information when asking them about their experience at X Company or when asking questions. Example: "I see that you have been at X for five years and have worked in the recruiting and marketing teams tell me why you love working here…" This shows you went above and beyond in your research.

5 Research the industry
- What are top trends in the industry right now?
- Who are the biggest competitors of this company?

Tip: Use this information when they ask you the question, "Why do you want to join company X or what interests you about this industry?" Show that you are passionate about the industry and well versed!

Practice being interviewed
Have a family member, friend or roommate ask you the questions and practice giving answers. Some great sites will not only list the question but also key skills to highlight.

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Here is a sampling of some of the workplace law questions I was asked this week, demonstrating why employees sometimes author their own workplace misfortunes:

Resignations

If you resign with little or no notice, it is no surprise that your former employer will be reluctant to provide references or hold back some final pay.

Just as employers must provide you with reasonable notice of your termination, you must provide fair notice that you are going to resign.

Harassment claims

Today, mental "harassment" is the most overused word at work. Employers hate these complaints and the employees who make them, so unless you can show a clear case of misconduct, do not raise a harassment complaint unless you also want to find a new job.

Internet legal advice

Every employee now seems to be a workplace law "expert," able to find plenty of free legal advice about employment law on the Internet, which most of the time is plainly wrong.

Be careful. If you are going to challenge your employer's decisions, however unjust, first make sure your view of the law is correct.

Employment Standards Act

Just because provincial or federal legislation says there is an entitlement to right or benefit, it does not mean that you are entitled to it. All of the workplace legislation across Canada contains hidden "qualifiers" — words that create exceptions or, in some cases, exemptions. Do not make assumptions based on legislation that you may not understand.

Workplace computers

Be careful when you use them for personal matters. Since privacy laws do not apply when you use your employer's computer at work, it can read and keep records of what you've written and done, without your consent.

Skeletons

Be wary of skeletons in your closet. Just about every employee has one. If yours is so bad you can't risk it being exposed, then do not challenge your employer's decision to discipline or dismiss you, however unjust. Some workplace skeletons, although not harmful to your case, will ultimately be harmful to your career.

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Spezza shoots out lights in Tampa Bay

Ottawa dishes out offence and Anderson shuts door against Lightning

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▶ Jason Spezza, left, and Bobby Butler congratulate Ottawa's Erik Karlsson on his goal on Tuesday night in Tampa Bay.

Jason Spezza had three goals and an assist, Craig Anderson made 28 saves, and the Ottawa Senators beat the Tampa Bay Lightning 4-0 on Tuesday night.

Spezza made it 2-0 during a power play at 16:32 of the second. The centre extended the lead to 3-0 on an in-close goal with 7:23 left in the third, and then completed the hat trick on an empty-net goal.

Anderson is 6-1-2 against Tampa Bay. The goalie has beaten the Lightning in all three games between the teams this season.

Erik Karlsson added a goal and an assist for Ottawa, which has gone 2-0-1 in its past three games after an 0-6-1 stretch.

Mathieu Garon made a pad save on Kyle Turris' penalty shot midway through the third for the Lightning, who are 1-3-1 over the past five games.

Anderson turned aside 11 shots, including a pair by Martin St. Louis, in the second. He has two shutouts this season and 18 overall.

Karlsson put the Senators up 1-0 just 64 seconds into the game. The defenceman has scored in consecutive games.

Ottawa improved to 9-3-2 in games against Southeast Division teams.

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Senators preview

Ottawa at Florida
7:30 p.m.
TV: NA

The Senators (29-22-8) play Florida (27-17-11) after facing Tampa Bay Tuesday night. The Panthers have regained control of the Southeast Division with a three-game winning streak. Jose Theodore stopped 26 shots in a 4-1 win over the Islanders on Sunday, his first start since Jan. 20. Kris Versteeg has 22 goals this season, matching his career high. Tomas Fleischmann has eight points in his last eight games.

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▶ New York's Jared Jeffries, left, and Jeremy Lin celebrate in Toronto.

Lin's legend grows in Toronto

Linsanity prevailed at the Air Canada Centre on Tuesday.

Jeremy Lin, the NBA phenomenon who went from seldom-used to the league's hottest story in the span of a week, drained a three-point shot with 0.5 seconds on the clock to lift the New York Knicks to their sixth consecutive win, 90-87 over the Toronto Raptors.

The 23-year-old point guard finished with 27 points and a career-high 11 assists, and was huge down the stretch, scoring the final five points for New York (14-15) in one of the most thrilling games in Toronto in recent memory.

Jose Calderon had 25 points and nine assists to top the Raptors (9-21), who coughed up a 17-point first-half lead in the loss.

Lin is coming off a dream first week as an NBA starter, earning Eastern Conference player-of-the-week honours.

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Nash trade buzz grows louder

NHL trade talk heated up Tuesday with reports that Columbus Blue Jackets captain Rick Nash could be available before Feb. 27.

A source close to the situation confirmed that he is potentially in play.

Nash holds a no-movement clause and didn't exactly shoot down the possibility of a trade while speaking to reporters before Tuesday's game against St. Louis.

"I'm a Blue Jacket right now. I've played my whole career here and it's a special place to me," Nash told the Columbus Post-Dispatch. "So as of right now I'm a Blue Jacket."

"When a team loses, more rumours keep on surfacing. That's what it seems to be right now, just rumours."
RICK NASH

Nash was drafted first overall by Columbus in 2002 and quickly became the face of the organization. He is in the first year of a seven-year contract that pays him $7.8 million US annually.

A season that started with optimism in Columbus has been nothing short of a disaster and the franchise appears to be headed for a major rebuild. Entering play Tuesday, the Blue Jackets were on pace for 56 points — a total that would match the 2006-07 Philadelphia Flyers for the lowest since the NHL lockout.

The 27-year-old Nash has only made one playoff appearance in nine NHL seasons and might be inclined to move to a contender.

The two-time Canadian Olympian and former Rocket Richard Trophy winner wouldn't come cheap. The six-foot-four Nash is a prototypical power forward who has two 40-goal seasons and four others with more than 30 — making him a franchise player in the eyes of many.

Nash has also shown he can handle the pressure of the big stage, having been a key contributor to Canada's gold at the 2010 Vancouver Olympics as well as the 2007 IIHF World Championship in Moscow.

News of Nash's potential availability brought some life to what had been a surprisingly dormant period of inactivity around the NHL. Even with the Feb. 27 trade deadline fast approaching, there have been no significant moves since Calgary and Montreal swapped Rene Bourque and Mike Cammalleri more than a month ago.

"It's been so quiet," one NHL general manager told The Canadian Press. "Everyone would like to do something, but there's so few people that really believe that they're out of it. It's an interesting time."

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d-Boston	53	34	17	1	1	184	120	70	18-9-1-1	16-8-0-0	5-4-1-0	W1
d-Florida	55	27	17	5	6	141	152	65	14-5-1-6	13-12-4-0	6-3-0-1	W3
Pittsburgh	56	32	19	2	3	175	148	69	17-7-2-0	15-12-0-3	7-2-0-1	W2
Philadelphia	56	31	18	2	5	182	169	69	13-9-1-4	18-9-1-1	3-4-0-3	L2
New Jersey	56	32	20	1	3	158	156	68	15-10-0-3	17-10-1-0	5-3-0-2	W1
Ottawa	58	28	22	6	2	169	181	64	15-11-2-1	13-11-4-1	2-6-2-0	L1
Toronto	56	28	22	3	3	171	166	62	16-9-2-2	12-13-1-1	5-4-0-1	L3
Washington	56	28	23	2	3	156	160	61	19-8-0-2	9-15-2-1	3-4-2-1	L3
Winnipeg	57	26	25	3	3	139	161	58	16-8-0-2	10-17-3-1	4-5-0-1	L1
Montreal	57	23	25	2	7	152	154	55	11-12-2-5	12-13-0-2	6-4-0-0	L1
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d-Vancouver	56	35	15	0	6	180	139	76	16-6-0-4	19-9-0-2	7-0-0-3	W1
d-San Jose	54	31	17	3	3	158	130	68	18-9-2-0	13-8-1-3	5-4-0-1	W1
St. Louis	55	34	14	1	6	139	111	75	24-3-1-3	10-11-0-3	7-2-0-1	W4
Nashville	56	32	18	3	3	158	148	70	17-7-2-2	15-11-1-1	6-2-0-2	L3
Chicago	56	29	20	4	3	174	171	65	19-6-1-3	10-14-3-0	2-7-1-0	L8
Los Angeles	57	27	19	5	6	124	124	65	15-11-0-4	12-8-5-2	4-4-1-1	W1
Phoenix	57	27	21	3	6	149	146	63	14-10-2-2	13-11-1-4	6-2-0-2	L1
Calgary	56	26	22	4	4	134	151	60	15-8-1-1	11-14-3-3	5-2-1-2	W1
Colorado	57	28	25	3	1	146	159	60	16-13-0-1	12-12-3-0	4-4-1-1	L1
Dallas	55	28	24	0	3	145	157	59	15-11-0-2	13-13-0-1	4-5-0-1	L2
Minnesota	55	25	22	2	6	125	144	58	13-9-1-2	12-13-1-4	3-6-0-1	L4
Anaheim	55	22	24	4	5	144	163	53	15-13-2-0	7-11-2-5	6-2-1-1	W1
Edmonton	55	22	28	1	4	147	165	49	15-8-1-2	7-20-0-2	5-4-0-1	W1
Columbus	56	16	34	1	5	131	185	38	9-15-1-2	7-19-0-3	3-6-0-1	L1

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
New Jersey 4 Buffalo 1
N.Y. Rangers at Boston
St. Louis at Columbus
Ottawa at Tampa Bay
Dallas at Detroit
Anaheim at Minnesota
Chicago at Nashville
N.Y. Islanders at Winnipeg
Toronto at Calgary

Monday's results
Carolina 5 Montreal 3
Vancouver 2 Phoenix 1 (SO)
San Jose 5 Washington 3

Tonight's games
Anaheim at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Boston at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Ottawa at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Edmonton, 10 p.m.
Colorado at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Tomorrow's games
Chicago at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
San Jose at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Winnipeg at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Calgary at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Friday's games
Anaheim at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
San Jose at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Nashville at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Winnipeg, 8:30 p.m.
Colorado at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.

MONDAY

HURRICANES 5, CANADIENS 3

First Period
1. Carolina, Tlusty 13 (Allen) 3:09

Penalties — Bourque Mtl (high-sticking) 10:49, Emelin Mtl (tripping) 13:33.

Second Period
2. Carolina, Spacek 2 (Skinner, Jokinen) 9:41 (pp)
3. Montreal, Plekanec 12 (Campoli, Darche) 11:53
4. Montreal, Cole 21 (Desharnais, Kaberle) 15:57 (pp)
5. Montreal, Desharnais 11 (Subban, Pacioretty) 17:53 (pp)

Penalties — Staal Car (check to the head) 3:47, Subban Mtl (holding) 3:59, Skinner Car, Desharnais Mtl (unsportsmanlike conduct) 6:45, Diaz Mtl (tripping) 8:03, Skinner Car (high-sticking) 15;03, Harrison Car (cross-checking) 16:36.

Third Period
6. Carolina, Staal 15, 3:15 (sh)
7. Carolina, McBain 5 (Staal, Falk) 8:50 (pp)
8. Carolina, Staal 16 (McBain) 19:24 (en)

Penalties — Allen Car (hooking) 3:09, Campoli Mtl (slashing) 8:11, Samson (tripping) 14:46, Allen Car (roughing) 18:08, Bourque Mtl (roughing) 18:08.

Shots on goal

Carolina	16	8	11	—35
Montreal	6	12	14	—32

Goal — Carolina: Ward (W,21-18-10); Montreal: Price (L,21-20-8). **Power plays** (goals-chances) — Carolina: 2-5; Montreal: 2-5.

Attendance — 21,273 (21,273) at Montreal.

LATE MONDAY

CANUCKS 2, COYOTES 1 (SO)

First Period — No Scoring.

Penalties — Torres Phx (tripping) 6:03, Rozsival Phx (delay of game) 7:50, Edler Vcr (holding) 13:09.

Second Period
1. Vancouver, Booth 10 (Kesler, Rome) 10:40

Penalty — Bitz Vcr (hooking) 7:17.

Third Period
2. Phoenix, Yandle 8, 17:54

Penalty — Ekman-Larsson Phx (holding) 14:11.

Overtime — No Scoring.

Penalties — Klesla Phx, Bieksa Vcr (roughing) 5:00.

Shootout — Vancouver wins 4-3

Vancouver (4) — Hodgson, goal; Burrows, miss; Edler, goal; Raymond, miss; Booth, goal; Kesler, goal; **Phoenix (3)** — Whitney, goal; Vrbata, miss; Brule, goal; Doan, miss; Boedker, goal; Gordon, miss.

Shots

Phoenix	9	6	8	1—24
Vancouver	4	13	2	3—22

Goal — Phoenix: LaBarbera (SOL,3-7-2); Vancouver: Luongo (W,23-10-6). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Phoenix: 0-2; Vancouver: 0-3.

Attendance — 18,860 (18,860) at Vancouver.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Malkin, Pgh	32	37	69
Stamkos, TB	37	25	62
Giroux, Pha	22	40	62
Kessel, Tor	30	30	60
Lupul, Tor	22	36	58
H.Sedin, Vcr	12	46	58
Spezza, Ott	22	34	56
Datsyuk, Det	15	41	56
Neal, Pgh	29	26	55
D.Sedin, Vcr	24	31	55
Eberle, Edm	24	30	54
Tavares, NYI	22	32	54
Hossa, Chi	20	33	53
Elias, NJ	19	34	53
Toews, Chi	27	25	52
Kovalchuk, NJ	22	30	52
Pominville, Buf	20	32	52
Selanne, Ana	18	33	51
Ra.Whitney, Phx	16	35	51
Hartnell, Pha	26	24	50
Kopitar, LA	17	33	50
St. Louis, TB	16	34	50
Karlsson, Ott	9	41	50
Thornton, SJ	12	38	50
Benn, Dal	17	32	49
Parenteau, NYI	11	38	49
Gaborik, NYR	27	21	48

Last night's games not included

NLL

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Toronto	5	3	2	.600	61	56	—
Philadelphia	5	3	2	.600	55	69	—
Buffalo	6	2	4	.333	70	76	1½
Rochester	6	1	5	.167	73	76	2½

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Colorado	5	5	0	1.000	71	56	—
Minnesota	5	4	1	.800	68	62	1
Calgary	5	3	2	.600	62	57	2
Edmonton	4	1	3	.250	44	39	3½
Washington	5	1	4	.200	46	61	4

WEEK SEVEN
Saturday's games
All times Eastern
Philadelphia at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Washington at Rochester, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Edmonton at Calgary, 9 p.m.

TENNIS

WTA

COPA BBVA COLSANITAS

At Bogota, Colombia
Singles — First Round
Lourdes Dominguez Lino (7), Spain, def.
Sharon Fichman, Toronto, 6-2, 6-2.
Karin Knapp, Italy, def. Alexandra Dulgheru (2), Romania, 6-2, 6-2.
Romina Oprandi (3), Switzerland, def. Alexandra Cadantu, Romania, 6-2, 6-2.
Gisela Dulko (5), Argentina, def. Kathrin Woerle, Germany, 1-6, 6-2, 6-4.
Timea Babos, Hungary, def. Yuliana Lizarazo, Colombia, 6-0, 6-1.
Edina Gallovits-Hall, Romania, def. Julia Cohen, U.S., 6-4, 6-1.
Catalina Castano, Colombia, def. Sesil Karatantcheva, Kazakhstan, 5-7, 6-0, 6-3.
Yaroslava Shvedova, Kazakhstan, def. Estrella Cabeza Candela, Spain, 6-0, 3-6, 6-4.
Alexandra Panova, Russia, def. Mandy Minella, Luxembourg, 4-6, 7-6 (8), 6-1.
Eva Birnerova, Czech Republic, def. Ines Ferrer Suarez, Spain, 6-2, 6-4.

QATAR TOTAL OPEN

At Doha, Qatar
Singles — First Round
Angelique Kerber, Germany, def. Sabine Lisicki (9), Germany, 4-6, 6-4, 6-1.
Flavia Pennetta, Italy, def. Dominika Cibulkova (11), Slovakia, 6-3, 2-6, 7-5.
Simona Halep, Romania, def. Daniela Hantuchova (15), Slovakia, 3-6, 6-2, 7-6 (4).
Julia Goerges (16), Germany, def. Anastasiya Yakimova, Belarus, 6-2, 6-2.
Petra Cetkovska, Czech Republic, def. Petra Martic, Croatia, 7-6 (5), 7-5.
Iveta Benesova, Czech Republic, def. Barbora Zahlavova Strycova, Czech Rep., 4-6, 6-3, 6-1.
Anabel Medina Garrigues, Spain, def. Klara Zakopalova, Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-1.
Sorana Cirstea, Romania, def. Jarmila Gajdosova, Australia, 6-4, 6-1.
Lucie Safarova, Czech Republic, def. Urszula Radwanska, Poland, 6-3, 6-4.
Yanina Wickmayer, Belgium, def. Ayumi Morita, Japan, 6-2, 6-1.
Maria Kirilenko, Russia, def. Zheng Jie, China, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.
Virginie Razzano, France, def. Ons Jabeur, Tunisia, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3.

ATP

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At Rotterdam, Netherlands
Singles — First Round
Viktor Troicki (7), Serbia, def. Thiemo de Bakker, Netherlands, 7-6 (6), 6-0.
Philipp Kohlschreiber, Germany, def. Marcel Granollers (8), Spain, 6-1, 1-6, 6-4.
Andreas Seppi, Italy, def. Rik de Voest, South Africa, 1-6, 7-6 (5), 6-2.
Jarkko Nieminen, Finland, def. Igor Sijsling, Netherlands, 6-1, 6-7 (7), 7-5.
Nikolay Davydenko, Russia, def. Robin Haase, Netherlands, 7-5, 6-2.
Mikhail Youzhny, Russia, def. Igor Kunitsyn, Russia, 6-0, 6-7 (4), 6-0.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Agreed to terms with OF Kosuke Fukudome on a one-year contract.
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Designated LHP Kelvin De La Cruz for assignment.
DETROIT TIGERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Jose Ortega, RHP Tyler Stohr, RHP Brayan Villarreal, LHP Duane Below, LHP Casey Crosby and OF Avisail Garcia on one-year contracts.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Exercised their 2013 option on manager Ned Yost.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Agreed to terms with INF Jeff Bianchi and RHP Wily Peralta on one-year contracts.

FOOTBALL

NFL

HOUSTON TEXANS—Named Hammerschmidt offensive assistant. Promoted Marc Lubick to assistant wide receivers coach, and Jim Ryan assistant offensive line coach.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Named Clyde Christensen quarterbacks coach, Gary Emanuel defensive line coach, Jeff Fitzgerald linebackers coach, Mike Gillhamer secondary coach, Brad White defensive quality control, Joe Gilbert assistant offensive line coach, Frank Giufre offensive quality control, Alfredo Roberts tight ends coach and Charlie Williams receivers coach.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Named Jack Bicknell Jr. offensive line coach, Jim Bob Cooter offensive quality control coach and Tom McMahon and Derius Swinton special teams coaches.
ST. LOUIS RAMS—Named Les Snead general manager.

CFL

TORONTO ARGONAUTS—Signed WR Jason Barnes.
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS—Moved defensive and special teams assistant coach Markus Howell to receivers coach. Re-signed OL Steve Morley. Signed LB-LS Jordan Matechuk.

HOCKEY

NHL

ANAHEIM DUCKS—Recalled G Jeff Deslauriers from Syracuse (AHL). Assigned G Iiro Tarkki to Syracuse.
CAROLINA HURRICANES—Recalled F Drayson Bowman from Charlotte (AHL). Reassigned F Jerome Samson to Charlotte.
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Activated C Mark Letestu from injured reserve.
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Placed D Carl Gunnarsson on injured reserve. Recalled D Keith Aulie from Toronto (AHL).
WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Assigned G Braden Holtby, F Joel Rechlicz and F Keith Aucoin to Hershey (AHL).

SOCCER

MLS

SAN JOSE EARTHQUAKES—Acquired MF Simon Dawkins on loan from Tottenham Hotspur (England).

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Chicago	23	7	.767	—
d-Miami	22	7	.759	½
d-Philadelphia	20	9	.690	2½
Atlanta	18	10	.643	4
Indiana	17	10	.630	4½
Orlando	18	11	.621	4½
Boston	15	12	.556	6½
New York	13	15	.464	9
Milwaukee	12	16	.429	10
Cleveland	10	16	.385	11
Toronto	9	20	.310	13½
Detroit	8	21	.276	14½
New Jersey	8	21	.276	14½
Washington	6	22	.214	16
Charlotte	3	25	.107	19

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Oklahoma City	21	6	.778	—
d-San Antonio	19	9	.679	2½
d-L.A. Clippers	17	9	.654	3½
Dallas	18	11	.621	4
L.A. Lakers	16	12	.571	5½
Houston	16	12	.571	5½
Denver	16	12	.571	5½
Portland	15	13	.536	6½
Utah	14	13	.519	7
Memphis	14	14	.500	7½
Minnesota	13	16	.448	9
Golden State	11	14	.440	9
Phoenix	12	16	.429	9½
Sacramento	10	17	.370	11
New Orleans	5	23	.179	16½

d — division leaders ranked in top four positions regardless of record.

Last night's results
Miami at Indiana
New York at Toronto
San Antonio at Detroit
Sacramento at Chicago
Utah at Oklahoma City
Houston at Memphis
Phoenix at Denver
Washington at Portland
Atlanta at L.A. Lakers

Monday's results
Philadelphia 98 Charlotte 89
Orlando 102 Minnesota 89
New Orleans 86 Utah 80
Miami 114 Milwaukee 96
Dallas 96 L.A. Clippers 92
Golden State 102 Phoenix 96

Tonight's games
San Antonio at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Memphis at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Houston, 8 p.m.
Charlotte at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
New Orleans at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Denver at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Portland at Golden State, 10 p.m.
Washington at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Tomorrow's games
New Jersey at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Boston at Chicago, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Portland, 10:30 p.m.

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Engine

In keeping with the Spark's modest transportation role, the standard powerplant is a 1.2-litre four-cylinder that generates an equally modest 85 horsepower and 82 pound-feet of torque.

That's obviously not a lot, but wrapped in a small 1,045-kilogram vehicle built for urban commuting with short-lived jaunts at highway speeds, it'll do just fine.

Four doors, not two

The Spark's secret, it seems, involves getting the most room out of the least amount of space. Its upright body offers generous door openings for easy access and plenty of headroom for four adult passengers.

Chevrolet has crafted a neatly designed exterior, highlighted by bulging fenders containing wheels that have been pushed out to each side for the sake of stability and passenger room. And as with the larger Sonic hatchback, the rear door handles have been integrated as part of the window frame, giving the car a two-door appearance, which is all the rage these days.

Stowage

The car is nearly 15 centimetres taller than a Mini Cooper. In other aspects the Spark is slightly shorter overall and there's less distance between the front and rear wheels than the Mini.

You also won't find much stowage area in back, but enlarging the space for life's bulky stuff is just a split-folding-rear-bench away.

▶ The Spark's small-displacement four-cylinder engine won't set any acceleration records, but that's not really the point here, is it?

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The concrete jungle is becoming increasingly tougher to navigate. The streets are clogged, parking fees are ridiculous and fuel is far from cheap.

Survival demands a minimalist transportation module with maximum space for people and cargo. For both urbanites and suburbanites, the Chevrolet Spark is on its way.

Chevrolet has been the recipient of numerous accolades lately for its compact and sub-compact brands.

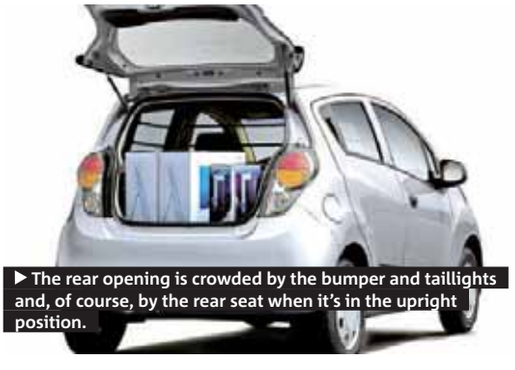
The one-year-old Cruze has been a huge hit and it appears that the newly released Sonic sedan and hatchback will follow the same course for 2012.

And with a growing list of recently released competitors, it seems as though North Americans are beginning to embrace fuel efficiency and a smaller footprint as a way of life.

The Spark hatchback's mid-2012 arrival serves to add fuel to the sub-compact fire.

Versions of this Korea-built four-door hatchback have been buzzing around the streets of Europe, Asia, South America, Australia and Mexico for a few years. Now it's our turn.

In the near future, the Spark could very well be the envy of competitors such as the Smart Fortwo, Scion iQ, Fiat 500 and Mini Cooper.



▶ The rear opening is crowded by the bumper and taillights and, of course, by the rear seat when it's in the upright position.

▶ Almost Hyundai-like in appearance, the Spark's interior is tidy and surprisingly modern without being too trendy or gimmicky.

Chevrolet Spark

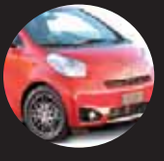
What you should know about the 2013 Chevrolet Spark:

- **Type:** Four-door, front-wheel-drive sub-compact hatchback.
- **Engine (hp):** 1.2-litre DOHC I4 (85).
- **Transmission:** Five-speed manual; four-speed automatic (opt.).
- **Market position:** Chevrolet is joining a growing number of automakers offering bite-sized hatchbacks that attempt to combine reasonable passenger space and comfort with exceptional fuel economy and fun-to-drive capability.
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 6.0/4.9 (MT, est.).

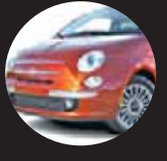
5 drive

By comparison

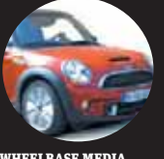
Scion iQ
Base price: $18,150
Minimalist practical model is ideal for getting around in crowded cities.



Fiat 500
Base price: $17,400
Thrifty econo-car offers all-adult seating and a sporty style all its own.



Mini Cooper
Base price: $23,550
Sporty looks and slot-car handling, but is a bit too expensive for its size.



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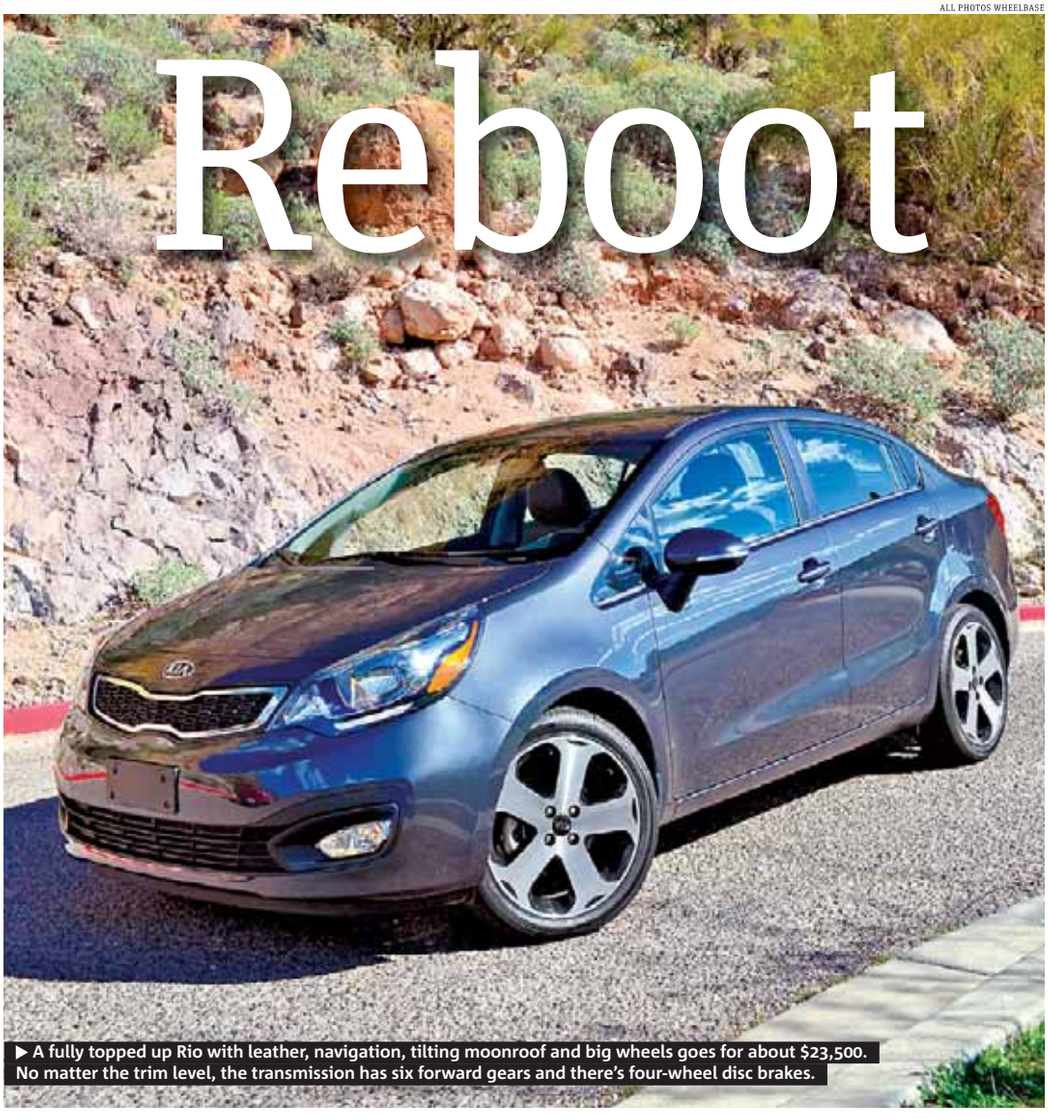

▶ A fully topped up Rio with leather, navigation, tilting moonroof and big wheels goes for about $23,500. No matter the trim level, the transmission has six forward gears and there's four-wheel disc brakes.

The Kia Rio is no longer one of the cheapest cars on the road, but in this day and age that's not where the money is

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To understand the philosophy of a clean-sheet design, you need a clean-sheet brain.

You need to think with logic and an open mind and not have any preconceived notions ... of anything. A reboot, if you will.

It begins with the notion that, for a given amount of money, you would rather have a loaded up small car than a bigger car that's missing a bunch of stuff. Kind of like having a glass of fine pinot noir over a pitcher of flat beer.

OK, that's according to Kia, but it also means you'll likely spend less money on gas because a smaller package also means a smaller, more efficient engine.

But who the heck has a car like that? Five years ago, the answer would have been almost no one. Leather and navigation in a small car? A thoughtful, well detailed and tasteful interior in a small car? Hey, aren't small cars cheap and empty tin cans painted with a roller?

Today, it's even more unheard of that Kia has a loaded up small car, and a handsome four-door sedan at that. We're just as surprised as you are.

Reboot.

It's a whole new game now. Make that a hockey game as the Kia Rio sedan circling the ice at a Phoenix Coyotes-Detroit Redwings NHL game in Phoenix is as rare as, well ... ice hockey in Phoenix. Grey and glimmering under the laser-beam-harsh arena lights during the second-period intermission, for whatever media stunt, it's perfectly proportioned, flab-free and dare we say, plenty fancy. And apparently good on ice.

Compared to the current hatchback model, the sedan is a touch longer (it has to be so the sloped sedan roof doesn't bonk rear passengers on top of the head) and it sports a sleeker, more elegant and formal nose with chrome dressing. The rest of the car is similar to the hatchback, including that tidy and well-detailed interior.

Oh, and smooth, comfy and pretty quiet, too. Speedy? Not really with 138 horsepower, but with the optional six-speed automatic transmission (a six-speed manual is standard) it cruises on the freeway with ridiculous ease while pulling down decent economy. Kia reports 4.9 l/100 km while "Idle Stop Go," which automatically shuts down the engine when the Rio is stopped in traffic, helps bring city economy to a claimed 6.6 l/100 km with the manual transmission and 6.8 with the automatic.

How did all this happen.

Well, it seems to come down to some key people with serious pull. Kia media-relations staff are quick to coo Peter Schreyer's name around the dinner table with the same ecstacy that comes from savouring the first sip of a frosty beverage on a hot Phoenix afternoon. Honestly, before the Kia Optima in particular, Mr. Schreyer was not exactly a household name in North America. Straight from Audi's design studios in 2006, he's now Kia's style master and a fine one he is. His Optima sedan is gorgeous. His Sportage tall wagon is Chuck Norris assertive, even without the Texas Ranger stetson. And the Rio makes the Zamboni at the hockey game look like the box the Zamboni came in; and even smoother than the backhand shootout goal to end the game 3-2 for Detroit.

Most significant is that for about $23,500, including destination fees, you'll get a Rio that's loaded up with navigation, backup camera, leather seats (heated in front), power tilting sunroof and 17-inch alloy wheels. Even metal sport pedals and a cooling glove box.

It's really a bargain, but if you don't want all that, the base car starts at $15,600 and still includes four-wheel disc brakes, power heated mirrors and a USB jack for your portable jukebox (Apple iPod).

It could really just be a new Rio for a new time, but it's also a new Kia, too.

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Show your own ride some love

Writer Justin Pritchard puts his own car, a 1993 Toyota MR2, to the test for a review

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In 1993 I was an 11-year-old aspiring car-nerd. I had a lot of car posters on my bedroom wall.

About four years back, I decided to buy a car from one of those posters.

The Toyota MR2 GTS made the most sense. They're fairly reliable, affordable, and easy to find replacement parts for.

I shelled out $7,500 to an importer and picked up my new baby a few weeks later.

The MR2's engine is in the middle, hence the MR2 name that references its "mid-rear, two-wheel drive" layout.

Said engine is a two-litre turbocharged four-cylinder. Nothing too fancy. Stock output in Japan was 225 horsepower — and since the 3S GTE engine is turbocharged, you can make more ponies on the cheap.

I applied some upgrades to dial up the power — including a bigger turbocharger, intake, intercooler and custom 3-inch exhaust that I helped weld together myself.

End result? The little beast now gurgles to life with a loud drone that penetrates into nearby buildings and goes like all hell when opened up — after a good moment or two worth of turbo lag.

Horsepower? No idea. But probably about 300. Yea, this little thing rips. It's good on gas, too — on account of it being very light and aerodynamic.

Inside, leather seats flank a tall centre console with a five-speed shifter in the middle. The instrument cluster is simple and there are power windows, air conditioning, and automatic climate control, too.

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▶ Justin figures his Toyota can muster around 300 horsepower.

It's a squeeze to get in and out — and boarding the MR2 ends with pulling the steering wheel into your lap. You wear this car.

The stereo is shot, the bezel around it is falling off, and the driver's-side window squeaks like a stuck pig when you roll it up.

I don't care, though. It all adds character, and puts newer cars in perspective. It also calls to mind a time when Toyota was serious about performance cars.

Handling is a bit wacky. The MR2 generates lots of rear-end grip for getting off the line and accelerating early out of corners. But the front is nearly too light. Steering is relatively quick, but it all feels a bit loose and strange compared to something with the weight of an engine up front.

Get it right, and it's like driving a go-kart. Get it wrong, and the MR2 will likely plow into whatever is ahead of it, or park itself backwards in the ditch on the other side of the road.

But even driven gently, the MR2 is a pleasure. People give it the thumbs up. It looks fantastic. And you don't see them everywhere. That's probably thanks to the hopelessly impractical nature of this machine.

But shiny new and high-tech or not, my less-than perfect MR2 is still one of the coolest cars I've ever driven — brand new or otherwise.

License to thrill

Today's high-performing cars are quicker, more sensible and easier to use than ever. Zero-to-60 in five seconds used to be Ferrari and Lamborghini territory. Now, you can get a station wagon that does it faster. You know, for when the kids are late for swimming.

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But where to let those ponies, G-forces and high-speed aerodynamic tweaks run free? Want to see what that AMG badge is all about, and experience the difference between the various models in the product range?

For more info

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The folks at AMG have created a driver training course that's custom-built for their owners and prospects: the AMG Driving Academy.

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After all — every moment spent at a vehicle's limits on a track will make drivers more comfortable should an emergency require visitation of said limits in real life.

Facing a sudden and dangerous obstacle? Knowing how to safely evade it can prevent you writing off your new ride, or worse.

That's pretty priceless, in a way.

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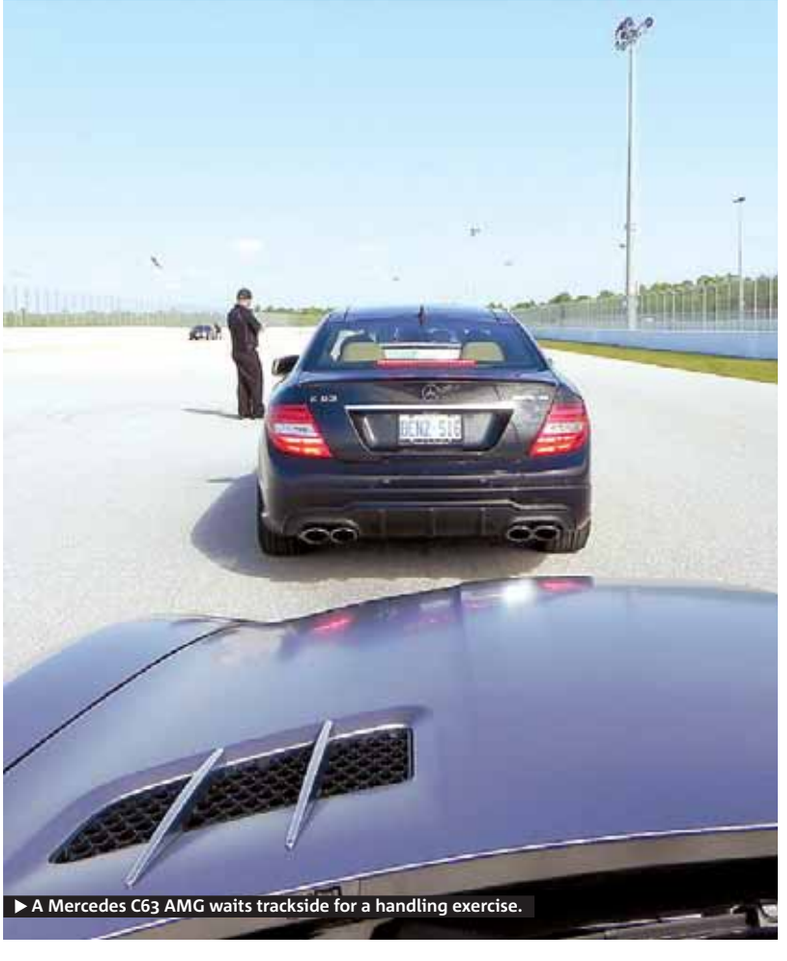

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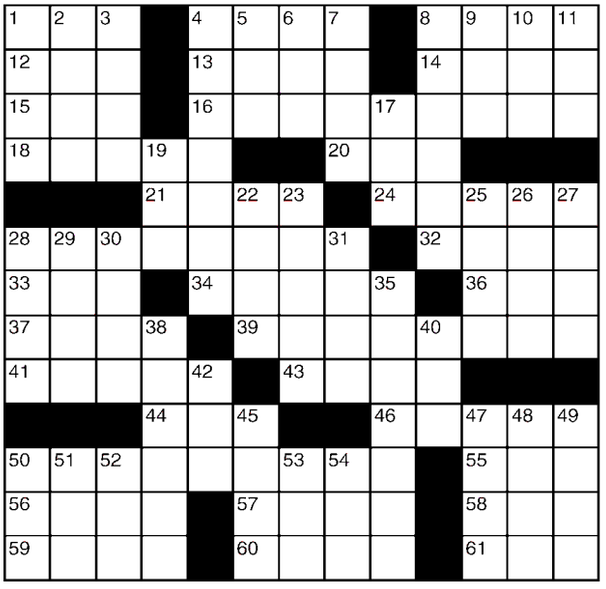

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21 Agana's island
24 Daisy feature
28 Unlikely success
32 Zilch
33 In olden days
34 Mexican entrees
36 Visibility hindrance
37 Cat call
39 Hatfield-McCoy arsenal
41 Punishment-related
43 Thicke or Alda
44 Marseilles monarch
46 Talk nonstop
50 Y-shaped launcher
55 Kimono closer
56 Aesopian also-ran
57 Amour
58 Bribe
59 Watched
60 "Zounds!"
61 "Certainly"

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1 Dumbstruck
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5 Reaction to fireworks
6 Pair
7 Fill fully
8 Liquefied, as lava
9 Literary collection
10 "Monty Python" opener
11 Ph. bk. data
17 Space
19 Early bird?
22 Discoverers' cries
23 Coffee-chocolate blend
25 Vegan's protein source
26 Unsigned (Abbr.)
27 Stamina, slangily
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29 S-shaped molding
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Sudoku

		2				1		
		7	8		4	5		
6				5				3
	2	3	5		8	4	6	
	4	5	9		3	7	2	
2				8				4
		4	2		5	9		
		9				8		

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

1	3	6	4	8	5	2	9	7
2	8	4	1	7	9	5	6	3
9	5	7	2	3	6	8	1	4
4	2	9	5	1	3	6	7	8
8	6	3	7	4	2	9	5	1
5	7	1	6	9	8	3	4	2
7	9	8	3	6	1	4	2	5
6	1	5	8	2	4	7	3	9
3	4	2	9	5	7	1	8	6

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You can now post your kiss, and read even more kisses, at metronews.ca/kiss.

Alex Roza, Lost Serbian, I told you that the first time I saw you I thought you were married and sometimes I still can't believe that I'm the one who married you =) I always think that the universe brought you in my life and I'm very thankful. I love very much **DIANA ROZA**

Miggity, i love you ! you make me the happiest little boo in the world. thinking of the future makes me so excited...and i want you there by my side xoxoxo love u forever babeboo **ANONYMOUS**

To Good Morning, You're sweeter than twitter! Your lingu is better than jingu! Your face looks awesome in real life than on facebook. My space wants your space to invade mine. Your metro notes are like subways to my heart! >>>Kiss sent to U from Moi!<<< **GOING TO BE A BEAUTIFUL DAY! AY!**

Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20
You need to accept that other people won't always see things the same way as you.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21
Your sixth sense tells you that someone is lying. Keep that knowledge to yourself until a time when you can use it to maximum effect.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21
You will achieve more today if you use persuasion rather than coercion. You don't have to hammer other people into submission.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Your imagination could carry you away today and cause you to do something you'll later regret.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23
Be on your guard over the next 24 hours, especially when dealing with work-related issues.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22
You need to be practical when dealing with money matters and business affairs. If you let wishful thinking affect you, it'll cost.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23
Today's link between your ruler Venus and Pluto, planet of passion, will get your heart beating faster.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
There are so many good things going on that you probably think you can get away with anything. Don't push your luck at work.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 If you play your cards right over the next few days, you could find yourself moving up in the world.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
It's a good day to persuade someone to back a project that could be beneficial to you. Make sure ideas are supported with solid facts.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
Something will happen today that takes you by surprise — and it will be an especially nice surprise.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 You may have doubts about a deal of some kind but those doubts will disappear by the early next week.

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